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■ BY PHIL REILLY

A FOOTBALL coach for Faversham Town Juniors is hoping to crackdown on the violence, verbal abuse and intimidation which is dogging the touchline of the children's game.

Film-maker Ernie Brennan is creating a new documentary for ITV which is designed to highlight the growing problems caused by abusive parents and overzealous coaches in a worryingly highly competitive approach to the youth game.

Now he wants people to send in footage of abuse at youth games for inclusion in the film – entitled Come the Whistle.

He said he was worried about the "adultification" of children's football and argued for a back-to-basics approach to the game.

He said: "Children aren't allowed to just play football anymore."

"The things you see and hear at children's football matches are incredible. There is violence, swearing and intimidation, children reduced to tears if they haven't won."

"There is a huge amount of competition and pressure which has become an accepted part of the game now. Nowhere else in Europe organises kids' football in this way."

Mr Brennan said he was first motivated to tackle the issue after seeing a man run onto a pitch, swear at a child and punch a referee during a seven-a-side tournament.

He said the biggest step in tackling the problem would be to take children's football out of the hands of the Football Association.

He continued: "The FA has created this monster where adults are scaring children away from football. It is putting kids in kits and sponsoring

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# Labour join in row over Tesco offer

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

**FAVERSHAM** Labour Party has added to the growing chorus of discontent at Tesco's "derisory" financial offer to the town.

Under what is known as a '106 agreement' with Swale council, the supermarket giant has offered just £183,000 to pay for a variety of community projects despite standing to make an estimated £360 million from the Faversham store over the next ten years.

Following a report in Yourswale last week detailing the offer, the Labour branch has echoed comments from local businesses who have attacked the offer, calling for at least half a million pounds if the extension is to go ahead.

Labour spokesman Ross Shimmon said: "It is difficult to believe how mean Tesco's offer is, compared with their predicted turnover and the likely impact on the town centre shops."

"Swale council should insist on a grant of at least £500,000 to benefit the community, plus a cast-iron commitment to use local sources of goods wherever possible, to abolish the use of plastic carrier bags in the near future and to make the supermarket carbon neutral as quickly as possible."

"We think it would be far better if the expansion did not go ahead. We fear that the town centre shops will suffer as they did when Tesco first opened in the old brewery."

"They seem to be bouncing back a little, with a preponderance of charity shops, bargain shops and eating places, only to be hit again. The thinking at our recent meeting was that the council seems to have accepted the extension will go ahead, so we were trying to think of an alternative strategy."

The Labour Party would like to see



**UNDER FIRE:** Tesco has been criticised for its offer of £183,000 to the community when it's set to make £360 million from the store

part of the money spent on improving bus stops throughout the town, updating the appearance of market stalls and replacing the inadequate 'finger post' signs which have been vandalised and are now misleading.

The branch has also called for a public forum or consultation to find out what townsfolk would like to see happen to the cash.

Other suggestions include contributing to the refurbishment of the Alexander Centre and funding a project to abolish plastic carrier bags throughout Faversham.

Early last year, the Labour Party criticised the extension proposals arguing a bigger supermarket would have an even more detrimental effect on the town.

**'Children's game is not adult's game'**

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them and having leagues with relegations and promotions. The whole fun aspect has disappeared. What I'm here to do is to establish that the children's game is not the adults' game."

An FA spokesman said the body has a range of initiatives to address issues in children's football.

He said: "The emphasis at the youngest age bracket is on fun, individual development over competition and skills over matches."

"We are also piloting schemes at grassroots level to address the behaviour of over-competitive parents and coaches putting too much pressure on young players."

Come the Whistle is due to be broadcast later this year. But you can catch a five-minute trailer for the film by logging-on to our free, broadband website [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).

• To contribute footage for the documentary, call Mr Brennan on 01622 766998 or email him directly at [ernie@capricornproductions.co.uk](mailto:ernie@capricornproductions.co.uk).

## yourswale NEWS IN BRIEF

### Win £2,000 for your school in name game

FERRY operators Norfolkline are asking for primary school children across the county to help them name a mascot for their fleet of three new ships – with a top prize of £2,000 for their school up for grabs.

The mascots will be on hand to entertain youngsters on the company's Dover to Dunkerque services later this year.

To find out how to enter the competition, run by the publishers of this newspaper, turn to page 15.

### Villagers calmed by new traffic measures

TRAFFIC calming measures for Tunstall are being considered by Kent Highways Services.

The move comes after a petition signed by hundreds of villagers was presented to Swale council in December, complaining about the traffic speeding through the village.

Speeding cars were not the only issue however, and heavy goods vehicles using the village to get to nearby industrial units also came under fire.

Kent Highways Services are looking into the complaints to see what can be done in the way of traffic calming.

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# Dairy Dawn's plea to Kent cheesemakers

## Expert mobile seller wants to sniff out tasty local produce

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

IT'S A cheese-lover's dream come true – a classic van-cum-market stall containing a selection of the most delectable dairy products in Britain – yet cheese expert Dawn Hackett says her collection remains incomplete.

A familiar sight in Faversham and Whitstable, Mrs Hackett, owner of The Cheese Box, has been selling cheese from the side of her van for several months, and plans to branch out to include other towns later this year.

But despite the huge choice of British cheeses, her collection includes just one Kentish cheese.

She said: "Kent is known more for fruit and hops and beer, but in this day and age when dairy farmers are struggling, it makes sense to look at ways of branching out."

"Suffolk is better known for cheeses, but there's no reason Kent shouldn't have a reputation for cheese too. We need more Kent cheese makers."



Picture PHIL HOUGHTON

**CREAM OF THE CROP:** Dawn Hackett gives Ashmore pride of place in her van and wants to sell more Kent cheeses

In a call to arms for prospective Kent cheese makers, Mrs Hackett is championing a Kent cheese made locally at Lamberhurst Farm in Dargate by cheese maker Jane Bowyer. Ashmore – a hard cheese with its origins in the West Country – takes pride of place in her cheese selection.

"She bought the name from a family in Devon," said Mrs Hackett. "It had a reputation in the industry, but it's a proper Kent cheese.

"We need to challenge the West Country a bit more."

And Mrs Hackett, who runs a home delivery

service throughout Canterbury and Faversham, insists that it is not just for food snobs.

"It's not an elitist thing aimed at foodies and people coming down from London for a taste of the countryside. People can be put off, like wine, by thinking they don't know anything about it.

"That's why I have the van instead of a shop. People have to come right up to it and before they know it they are getting a free taster.

"People like to buy and taste local produce. Faversham is good for that, and that's why I go to the market on a Tuesday."

## Drain issue focus amid flood fears

FLOODING was once again at the forefront of members' minds following a recent report into drain clearing in Swale.

Last year, blocked drains were implicated in the flooding which inundated several Faversham streets. Members expressed concern at the report, which detailed drain clearing work carried out in the last financial year.

Councillors were worried about the lack of routine maintenance, and the fact the work was carried out on a "reactive and ad hoc basis".

Transport officers said improvements were being made, which included better ways to identify drains that needed attention.

The problems were again apparent after the torrential rain which played havoc with roads in the area last week.

Motoring organisations the RAC and AA reported a surge in call-outs as the borough was battered with rain and high winds.

Kent County Council has blamed the county's ageing drains and called for more money from central government to help ease the situation.

## Benefit cheat taught a tough lesson in court

A TEACHING assistant has been sentenced to six months community service for falsely claiming benefits.

Swale council and the Department of Work and Pensions brought a joint prosecution against 47-year-old Andrew Osguthorpe, of Brunswick Fields, Teynham near Faversham.

Osguthorpe, who works as a teaching assistant at Westlands High School in Sittingbourne, has been on long-term sick leave due to a serious medical condition.

Last year, he was accused of falsely claiming £10,546.60 of income support benefit between September 2, 2005 and April 8, 2007, after fraud investigators examined his records.

At Sittingbourne Magistrates Court last week he pleaded guilty to failing to notify Swale council and the Department for Work and Pensions of a change of circumstances under the Social Security

Administration Act 1992.

Osguthorpe failed to declare his employment as a classroom assistant at a Sittingbourne secondary school.

Osguthorpe was given a six month community punishment order and ordered to pay £100 in costs.

The Department of Work and Pensions is currently recovering the overpaid benefit.

Council benefit manager, Nick Saunders said: "We hope that this will serve as a reminder to others to ensure that people advise us and the Department for Work and Pensions when they start work, or have any other change in their circumstances that could affect their entitlement to benefits."

"Members of the public can report, in confidence, anyone they believe is claiming benefits that they have no right to, on the Swale council fraud hotline number 01795 417714."

## Driver misery as gas works set to continue

MAJOR gas works in Athelstan Road costing more than £300,000 will continue until the middle of February causing misery for motorists travelling in and out of Faversham.

The road, which runs parallel to the railway line, is one of the main routes into the town joining the A2 and Forbes Road.

Road works commissioned by Southern Gas Networks have been in place since November last year, with various parts of the road coned off creating chicanes and bottlenecks. But the gas company say the works will provide a safer and more reliable supply for decades to come.

The work is due to be completed by February 2.

A spokesman for Southern Gas Network said: "We are replacing the old cast iron gas mains, which have a tendency to crumble. We are replacing them with modern yellow polyurethane pipes that should secure the gas supply for the area."

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**Harbour board gets new member for future plan**

WHITSTABLE Harbour Board has a new recruit to help it come up with a plan to transform the site and protect its future.

The harbour recently saw three controversial proposals to redevelop it thrown out after a huge public outcry, but it is widely accepted that development is essential to ensure it generates the money it needs to survive.

Katrina Brown replaces Christopher Mendoza as an independent member of the board.

He is stepping down later this month.

**Steam cleaner is stolen from golf club's shed**

A STEAM cleaner worth £2,500 has been stolen from Herne Bay Golf Club.

The thieves broke in to the club off the Thanet Way sometime between January 3 and 4, stealing the yellow Karcher cleaner from the green keeper's shed, police said this week.

Witnesses saw a dirty, white Renault Clio van near the area, driven by two men.

Anyone with information, or who saw the Renault van, can contact PC Rob Goodban on 01227 868281.

**Oyster Festival planning nine days of tasty fun**

THE dates for this year's Whitstable Oyster Festival have been announced – the nine days of summer fun take place from Saturday, July 19 to Sunday, July 28.

Organisers are promising an eclectic mix of events, from traditional pageantry to numerous arts and community activities, with an increased focus on food and drink.

Festival co-ordinator, Mair Stratton, said: "I would like to see more local artists and organisations involved."

**Three cautioned after police drugs operations**

A DRUG operation in Canterbury city centre netted three people this month.

The trio were cautioned for possession of cannabis after being searched, along with 16 others, under the Misuse of Drugs Act.

The operation was part of an ongoing campaign by officers aimed at disrupting drug use in the city, and deterring dealers from peddling their wares.

Sgt Jon Leslie said: "Our officers will continue to work with partners to get the message across that drug use and dealing will not be tolerated in Canterbury."

# New ski machine gets you set for the slopes

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

ager, explains: "Jonathon had the idea in 1997 after learning to ski on a dry slope and spending most of the time on his backside.

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"There's no other system where an instructor can walk around you and observe you from all angles, and even touch and adjust the points of your skis."

Despite the advantages, it has taken some time for Realli-Ski to get going, but it has come a long way from its modest beginnings.

It started as a pilot scheme, run part-time alongside other business interests for seven

years by Mr Showan, and later, Mr Hawkes.

"I wasn't a skier at all to begin with," said Mr Hawkes, who went to Brunel University before running his own IT business.

"Jonathan got me in for my engineering skills. He had worked out the surface and how to make it go round, but he needed some help to make it go up and down."

"Initially, we thought we would be able to sell it to gyms – you can burn 500 calories in a half hour session – but they weren't very interested. It's large, and needs specialist training to use and operate, and they just didn't go for it."

"So we started looking for another way we could use it. Now we intend to sell them to private buyers, if you have £50,000 burning a hole in your pocket."

Alternatively, you can book time on the machines, with adult lessons starting at £27.

There are now three simulators in Barham and four at the company's new centre in Watford. For more information on Realli-Ski, visit [www.realliski.com](http://www.realliski.com).



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## WATCH OUR MAN TRYING TO REALLI-SKI

DOWN to the sound of snow crunching as you turn, the Realli-Ski simulators provide an incredible skiing sensation despite their unusual appearance, writes Gareth Arnold.

The white surface, much softer than the brutal brushes of a dry slope, makes a pleasing swoosh as you turn, gliding across the slope as if on a bed of air.

My skiing experience is limited to a few dry-slope lessons as a child, an experience which soured the sport for me despite many of my friends being committed winter sport fans.

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Picture PHIL HOUGHTON

BABY JOY: Invicta FM presenters Ali Wheeler and Claire Lawson are looking forward to being first-time mums

# Invicta duo in the family way

■ BY PHIL REILLY

POPULAR Invicta FM presenter Ali Wheeler has revealed she is expecting her first child in the spring.

The co-host of the James and Ali breakfast show, who lives in Faversham with husband Haydn, revealed she is four months pregnant.

But the 32-year-old, who writes the regular Ali's Goss section for our sister paper Kent on Sunday's Review magazine, is not the only Invicta DJ expecting a baby.

There must be something in the water at the Whitstable-based commercial radio station, because day time presenter Claire Lawson, 29, who lives in Maidstone with boyfriend Mark, is six months pregnant.

Both will begin their maternity leave in May.

Ms Wheeler said: "I am over the moon although a little scared. When Haydn and I found out we were completely overwhelmed and it still hasn't really sunk in. Rest assured I am a very happy mum-to-be, although any advice will be gladly received."

"Jennifer Lopez, Christina Aguilera, Nicole Kidman and now me – I must check my Chinese calendar because 2008 must be the year of the baby."

Ali Wheeler moved up to co-host with James Heming last year after working on the popular morning show since March 2005.

And after revealing she was pregnant, the DJ's online blog on the radio station's website was inundated with messages from well-wishers.

Now she is just keeping her fingers crossed she doesn't suffer from morning sickness – she already has to wake up at 4am every weekday morning to host the show – and admits to having a craving for cheese.

One Invicta presenter who has plenty of parenting experience is Ms Wheeler's on-air partner – father-of-four James Heming.

He said he was thrilled for both of them, but was quick to speculate that it may not have been a total coincidence.

He added: "I can only think it comes down to that short power cut that happened in Kent in September. You know what happens when you have no TV or radio."

An Invicta spokesman said no plans had been made yet as to who will cover for the pair when they leave in May.

## Pier trust needs board members

A NEW charitable trust set up to raise money and improve Herne Bay pier is on the lookout for board members.

Canterbury council is seeking people who believe they have something to offer the independent trust, which could end up managing the historic pier.

Call David Reed on 01227 862468 or email david.reed@canterbury.gov.uk. The closing date for applications is Friday, February 8.

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

### ASDA to fine customers who ignore parking rule

DRIVERS who flout the law by parking in spaces reserved for disabled drivers will get a nasty shock the next time they shop at ASDA in Sturry Road.

The company has decided to impose a £60 fine on customers that use the spaces who do not have blue badges.

They will also issue fines to people who park in the spaces reserved for mothers with young children.

The parking spaces are normally located closer to the entrance of the store and are wider so customers can get into their cars more easily.

The company will initially roll out the fines in its stores in the South East. The scheme will go nationwide in March. ASDA say the money raised by the fines will help pay for the scheme the rest will be donated to charity.

A spokesperson for the company said: "This may upset some people but it is important that our customers can park hassle free."

### Troops record bedtime stories for their children

SOLDIERS at Canterbury's Howe Barracks have recorded special bedtime stories – to be played to their children when they are sent to Afghanistan later this year on active duty.

The tales read by members of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders will be printed on to a CD and include special family messages.

It is part of a new project, Storytime Soldiers, organised by the battalion and Canterbury Sure Start.

Sure Start project manager Jo Treharne said: "The benefits of reading with your children are widely recognised and this project is all about building links between children and their fathers."

### Find out how much your silver collection is worth

AUCTION house Bonhams will be on the hunt for treasure next week.

The head of its silver department, Rupert Slingsby, will be in Whitstable on Thursday, January 31, and is urging anyone with interesting items to come along and have them valued.

Christopher Hodgson, from Bonhams in Whitstable, said: "This is a chance for people to find out a little bit more about the silver that they own and get a current auction valuation."

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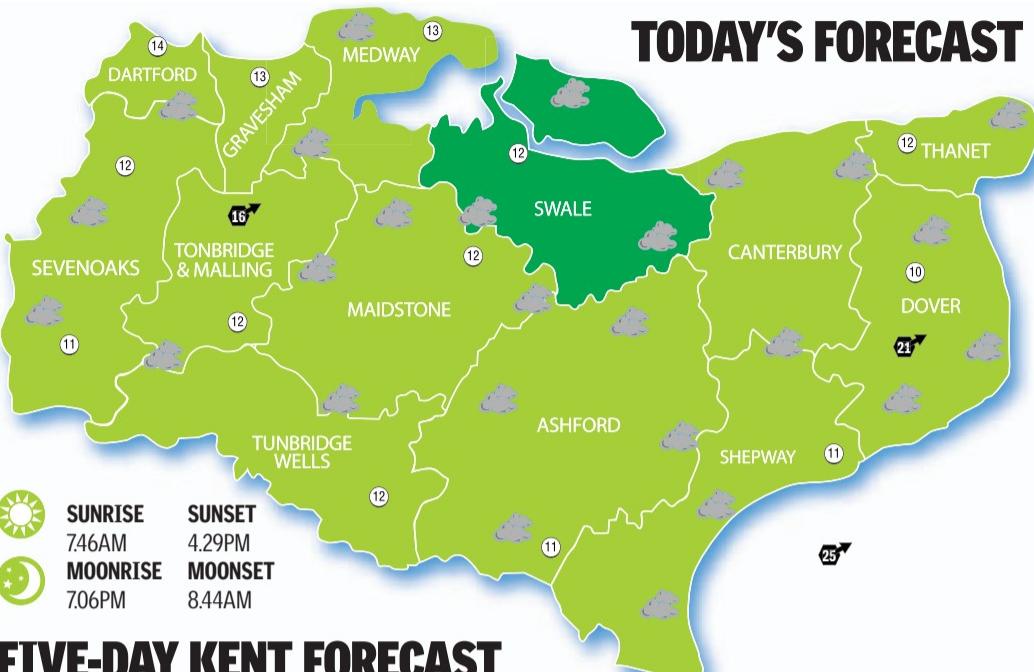


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	Sunday	2:44pm	6.1m
<b>Dover</b>	Saturday	12:17pm	6.5m
	Sunday	12:55pm	6.5m
<b>Dungeness</b>	Saturday	12:11pm	7.5m
	Sunday	12:52pm	7.4m
<b>Ramsgate</b>	Saturday	12:47pm	5.0m
	Sunday	1:25pm	4.9m
<b>Sheerness</b>	Saturday	1:53pm	5.8m
	Sunday	2:34pm	5.8m
<b>Whitstable</b>	Saturday	2:11pm	5.3m
	Sunday	2:52pm	5.3m



## AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

<b>Amsterdam</b>	11°C	<b>Madrid</b>	12°C
<b>Athens</b>	14°C	<b>New York</b>	-4°C
<b>Barcelona</b>	13°C	<b>Paris</b>	11°C
<b>Beijing</b>	-4°C	<b>Rome</b>	10°C
<b>Bombay</b>	28°C	<b>Sydney</b>	22°C
<b>Cape Town</b>	26°C	<b>Tenerife</b>	23°C
<b>Cardiff</b>	10°C	<b>Tokyo</b>	5°C
<b>Gibraltar</b>	16°C	<b>Vancouver</b>	6°C
<b>Hong Kong</b>	19°C	<b>Warsaw</b>	8°C
<b>Las Palmas</b>	21°C	<b>Wellington</b>	22°C

## Wildwood squirrels in journey back to nature

RARE red squirrels bred at Wildwood celebrated New Year in the wild after being released on the remote North Wales island of Anglesey.

Two of the captive-bred young were transported to Anglesey just before Christmas after being raised at the park in Herne Common.

After a period of acclimatisation at their new home, the young squirrels were set free to fend for themselves.

Headkeeper Paul Wirdnam said: "It is great to know the two youngsters are now in the wild. It was one of the things that makes this job so fulfilling."

Wildwood is part of a scheme to protect the red squirrel population in the UK. For many years this once common British native has been under threat from the invasion of the American grey squirrel.

Wildwood breeds the red squirrels in specially created natural enclosures and then after a period of time learning skills from their mother, they are transported to Wales where they are released into a grey squirrel-free environment.

The project leader, Dr Craig Shuttleworth of the Anglesey Red Squirrel Project, has been encouraged by the results of the work so far.

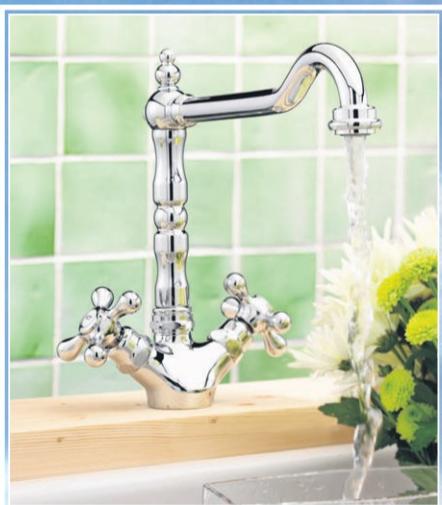
He said: "Anglesey may eventually be the last stand for the red squirrel in Wales and is one of a handful of long-term refuges for the red squirrel in Britain as a whole."

The Wildwood youngsters ensure the population in Wales is kept as healthy as possible, reducing the chance of inbreeding.

## FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

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<b>Canterbury</b>	11°C	12°C	10°C	11°C	11°C
<b>Chatham</b>	12°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	10°C
<b>Dartford</b>	12°C	12°C	11°C	12°C	11°C
<b>Dover</b>	10°C	10°C	10°C	10°C	9°C
<b>Faversham</b>	12°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	10°C
<b>Folkestone</b>	10°C	10°C	10°C	10°C	9°C
<b>Gillingham</b>	12°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	10°C
<b>Gravesend</b>	12°C	12°C	11°C	12°C	11°C
<b>Maidstone</b>	12°C	11°C	11°C	12°C	11°C
<b>Ramsgate</b>	11°C	12°C	10°C	11°C	11°C
<b>Rochester</b>	12°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	10°C
<b>Sevenoaks</b>	10°C	10°C	10°C	10°C	10°C
<b>Sittingbourne</b>	12°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	10°C
<b>Tonbridge</b>	11°C	10°C	12°C	11°C	10°C
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### DOMINIC KING



**Q&A**

BBC Radio Kent's Dominic King talks to Rob Livingstone about his passionate love of walking around the Kent countryside, relaxing in front of the television and how a day in his life is far from average

**Q** Give us a brief rundown of a typical day for Dominic King...

**A** Is there ever such a thing as a typical day? But I must admit I am a creature of habit so when I arrive at the BBC's studios in Tunbridge Wells I go and get myself a cup of BBC tea (then I remember it's awful and nip out to buy one with a real teabag in).

I check my emails and then look at what's happening in Kent and around the world, using the BBC's news resources. I might start off interviewing guests who will feature in the programme and clicking onto websites to see what people are talking about.

The best bit is seeing what music I'm going to play and I start to sort through my post to see what new releases I've been sent, or ideas someone has suggested for the programme.

Like most jobs I grab some lunch, usually 'al desko', curse the printer for running out of paper and then look forward to doing the show and heading home.

**Q** How much daily preparation goes into a radio show?

**A** It varies, but for a three-hour radio programme, you can expect to add about five hours of preparation, organising guests, and visiting locations across the county recording interviews. And you know what Kent's roads can be like, which is why my day is eight hours long and not three.

It's also one of those jobs where ideas pop up while you're out and about or on a day off, especially at weekends.

So I'll often send an email to myself from home to work, so I don't forget.

**Q** What is your passion in life?

**A** I love music and films but a passion for me is the countryside.

A good walk is something I really enjoy. You'll often find me wandering around Bedgebury Forest near Goudhurst, walking near Dungeness, or along Dover's promenade.

**Q** What is your worst habit?

**A** One bad habit is watching all the new movies, before my wife Amanda gets to see them, so she says "do you fancy seeing this one" and I annoyingly reply "I've seen it".

I recently watched five films on a plane back from Washington and as they are now being shown on Satellite TV, I'm again saying "I've seen that one".

**Q** If your house was on fire what would be the first material object you'd rescue (and why)?

**A** I would probably rescue my external hard drive, it's got family photos on and my favourite interviews I have done over the years.

**Q** Away from Radio Kent what are your hobbies and interests?

**A** Along with film and music I like fishing from time to time too. But I only occasionally catch anything.

**Q** Do you have any favourite films, TV shows or books?

**A** I love the Shawshank Redemption, starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. It is an amazing film about life in an American prison. On the film's tenth anniversary I was lucky enough to speak to the director Frank Darabont, which was a real honour.

I have a signed publicity poster by him which is one of my prized possessions that would be the next item I would save from a fire.

I was also a big fan of the West Wing, and I loved 24. Not the BBC news channel, but the US drama starring Keifer Sutherland, and I currently like Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip and the BBC's The Tudors.

**Q** What is your favourite area of Kent?

**A** East Kent is my favourite place, because that is really home. I was born in Dover and lived in Folkestone while growing up. The Romney Marsh is a place I enjoy walking around, I love the Royal Military Canal and Dungeness is wonderful.

**Q** Do you see yourself ever calling anywhere other than Kent home?

**A** No never, I am certain about that and although I have worked in London, Kent is home, why move to another county when you have this one, the best county in Britain?

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Picture GARETH ARNOLD

# New recruit Julie continuing to keep Kent in the picture

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

SHE is known to much of the county through her BBC radio programmes and as Invicta FM's inimitable eye in the sky – and now Julie Maddocks has joined KOS Media to continue bringing you the Kent stories that matter.

As the new face of KOS Media, Julie will be out and about with a camera crew, working across our titles and providing content for our growing websites. And you can see for yourself what she's been up to on our free broadband site [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).

Yet despite being at the centre of the county's media for more than a decade, Julie says she never intended to go into broadcasting.

Having begun as a secretary in the sales department at the fledgling Invicta Radio in 1985, Julie had done a few voiceovers, but nothing could prepare her for the job she was offered out of the blue one day.

She said: "Invicta had this idea for the 'eye in the sky', but had no one to present it. I didn't want to do the role; I didn't know anything about the county's roads. I didn't even know how to get to Headcorn airfield."

"It was an almighty fluke that I became a broadcaster. I was just in the right place at the right time."



### PASTURES NEW:

Former BBC Radio Kent presenter Julie Maddocks has joined KOS Media and will be out and about with a camera crew to provide content for our ever-growing Yourkenttv.co.uk website (left)

But soon thousands of drivers relied on Invicta's groundbreaking eye in the sky – a Cessna light aircraft nicknamed 'Jambuster Jerry' – to provide the latest updates on their daily commute.

But despite her popularity, Julie didn't endear herself to everybody on the county's roads.

### Freelanced

She said: "When they were expanding the A249, near Detling, into a dual carriageway, it seemed to be taking ages. It became a bit of a running joke – we'd fly over every morning and say 'the A249 looks exactly the same'.

"Apparently some of the builders got so annoyed about it they spent the morning spelling out 'Up yours Julie' in cones. You could only read it from the air. Think how much they could have got done in that time."

After literally earning her wings –

Julie qualified as a pilot during her five years reporting from the air – she freelanced in front of the TV camera and guest-presented dozens of BBC shows until, in 2001, she was offered a staff contract and her own slot.

She said: "It was a magazine programme that reflected the people in Kent. If it was happening in Kent we would hopefully feature it on the radio. We covered all sorts of subjects during the years.

"I'll be continuing this sort of thing at KOS Media, across all the Yourkenttv channels. There is nothing like it at a regional level and it is definitely a fore-runner of things to come. I'm sure others will follow what we're doing here.

"The people of Kent are passionate about what they do and we can provide a platform. I think Yourkenttv.co.uk can plug into that spirit in the county. There are so many stories to tell."



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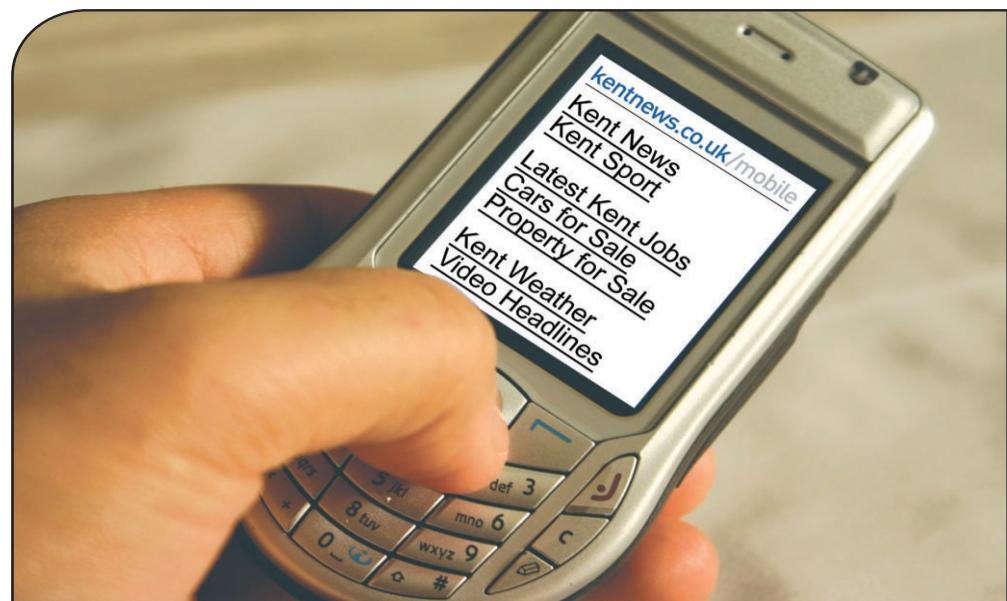
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# Ladies, defy gravity and get fit with confidence

■ BY LAUREN MUMFORD

WOMEN looking to get in shape for the New Year have been urged to try a fitness craze sweeping the country – pole dancing.

The gravity-defying dancing has long been seen as seedy and sleazy through its connections with gentlemen's clubs and strip joints.

But it has now moved out of the shadows, and is being recognised as a performance art and a fitness favourite for thousands of women nationwide.

Pole dance fans include Kelly Brook, Teri Hatcher, Lindsay Lohan and Kate Hudson.

Performers say it is a great way to lose a few pounds and get fit for women who are bored with the gym and want a fun way of developing their body tone, confidence, suppleness and flexibility.

Pole dancing schools are cropping up across the county and the art is being taught at several leisure centres.

Emma Smith, 24, a pole dance instructor at Topnotch, said: "I have a fitness background so coming out of my comfort zone and moving into pole dancing three and a half years ago was a big step for me, at that time nowhere did any classes and I wanted to be challenged."

"Maidstone took to it really well – I went from just two classes at the beginning to seven a week, teaching five different group levels.

## Challenge

"I've now taken my classes to Tunbridge Wells. People there aren't taking to it quite as well as Maidstone, they still see it as sleazy but I'm hoping to overcome that, they're a tougher bunch to crack but I want a challenge and to change people's perceptions of it."

This fun form of performing art is proven to build muscle tone and confidence, while producing bundles of giggles along the way.

"This class is by far the most rewarding I



**SHAPE UP:** Jo Roper shows how to tone your body and improve confidence with the new fitness craze

teach, pole dancing is graceful and gymnastic.

"The results I have seen are amazing, some people have lost a lot of weight, others self esteem have shot up and it's helped people overcome back problems.

"It's really changed their lives," Miss Smith added.

Pole dancing is believed to have started in clubs in Canada in the late 1980s and only over the last two or three years has it been taken out of seedy strip joints and into dance studios.

Jo Roper, from The Goddess School of Pole Dancing, said: "I have women from 16 to 60 in my classes. Almost one in three girls has tried pole dancing and many have their own poles.

"I have girls who do business dinners, wedding parties and teach other women themselves. The demand wasn't there for pole dancing a few years ago, it is now."



**BIG FAN:** Kelly Brook keeps in shape by pole dancing

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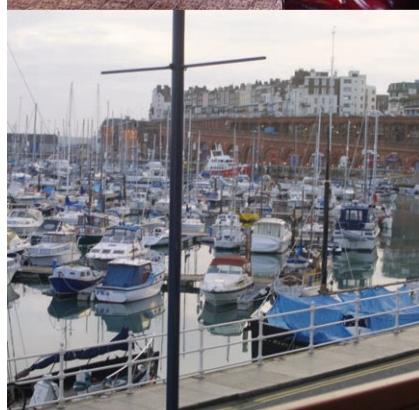
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## It's snow joke now we don't get much of the white stuff

What happened to proper snow? Not the stuff we have had for the last couple of years which appears overnight and by the afternoon has melted to nothing. I mean proper, long lasting, weeks on end, Trans-Siberian, SNOW!

A couple of weeks ago there was at least the prospect of some. People in my office were looking outside excitedly to see if the sleet that briefly appeared might start to lie properly. They talked of terrible snow-filled adventures of the past when they had to wear mittens joined by a piece of string.

The police even issued serious warnings to motorists to be prepared for the worst. This included extra clothing, a pick and shovel, tyre chains, food for three months, a wind up radio, a mobile phone, satellite navigation, a portable generator, a skidoo and, if you could get it into the back of your Fiat Panda, a yak.

And I wish the Met Office would stop issuing

these 'severe' weather warnings. It just gets everybody's hopes up unnecessarily; three times this year they have anticipated serious events that have come to nothing.

They should spend a bit less time warning people about the weather and more time predicting it.

Anyway, I don't want people warned; let's face it there's nothing like watching other people's valuables being swept down the middle of a flooded high street to really make one feel better about oneself, and the smart decision to buy a house somewhere else.

I know they have had some quite bad snow in the north of the country and I say lucky them. I don't think we have had a serious winter for at least 20 years now.

When I was a kid I remember snow being around till the end of March. Once we had a whole week off school. We spent hours sabotaging those boilers.

When else can you pelt someone with ice packed projectiles and not be done for assault; claiming it's all just a bit of fun?

When can I next stuff snow down the back of

my brother's jumper and tell him not to be such a wimp when he starts crying. He may be 42 but I'm still going to do it.

Winters must have been worse then. My Uncle Frank even used to have an old pair of snow shoes hanging up on the wall of the garage. The things that look like tennis racquets strapped to your feet. They must have been vital for his trips to the newsagents to get his St Bruno ready rubbed pipe tobacco.

We need snow. It breaks up the monotony of the long winters and helps to keep the rhythm of the seasons. In fact what happened to seasons? Now we just seem to have two. April to October is a weird mixture of spring and summer, or Sprummer as perhaps it should be called, when anything can happen from drought to a plague of frogs.

The rest of the year is a new season called grey.

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# Could you provide a family and a future for foster children?

■ BY NICK AMES

FOSTER care agency Family Matters is on the lookout across Kent to find people who want to look after and raise children.

The Folkestone-based agency is run by husband and wife team Antony and Eleanor Meade and provides help and support to a network of carers.

Both part-time and full-time, the dedicated workers give their time and efforts to look after children who have lost their natural parents one way or another.

Mrs Meade explained she is looking for other people to take on the demanding but rewarding role in what is a business – but run like an extended family.

She said: "Family Matters says it all really – we offer support, training and expertise to our carers, who currently number around 30.

"Not all of them look after the children all the time and in some cases our carers look after more than one child in a family group situation.

"When emergencies happen we ensure everyone stays connected with each other.

"No carers or children are ever left alone."

The business was formed several years ago when Mr and Mrs Meade became concerned at the lack of support available to them in their own role as carers.

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In 2008, Norfolkline plan to introduce a new programme of children's entertainment on board all of their ships on the Dover-Dunkerque route and at certain times of the year the newly-chosen mascot will be on the ships to entertain children and families during the two-hour crossing.

Norfolkline and KOS Media are inviting all primary schools throughout the county to enter.

Entries can be sent in either as a school group, school children independently, but sent in with a counter signature by the form teacher. Three suggestions of names are permitted per entry.

There are no other restrictions and 'Name The Mascot' suggestions

do not necessarily have to have a nautical or French theme.

To accompany all entries, Norfolkline and KOS Media would also like to receive an illustration of the number one choice of name – or all three choices if preferred – along with a written description and the history/ thoughts that have gone into coming up with the idea for a mascot's name.

Travel prizes of return ferry crossings with Norfolkline for a car and up to five passengers on the Dover – Dunkerque route will also be awarded to the runner-up and third-placed entries.

More information about Norfolkline operations can be found at [www.norfolkline.com](http://www.norfolkline.com).

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## TALK TIME

### KEVIN SWINNEY

Kevin Swinney has taken over as the new Neighbourhood Inspector at Faversham. He talks to Yourscale about his new role



#### What are the differences and similarities between your old patch and the new one?

I was formerly running the tasking and co-ordinating unit at Maidstone ensuring Mid Kent's policing and planning process were operating effectively. This was a more administrative role than my new position, which involves a close working relationship with the people of Faversham and the rural area around it, as well as important local partners.

#### Are there any challenges specifically relating to your new area?

My top priority will be to build on the excellent work already undertaken by my predecessor, by continuing to work with the community, to identify their priorities and seek to resolve the policing issues they highlight.

#### Which partners do you aim to work with and how does this help?

I am specifically looking forward to working with our partners within the Swale Community Safety Partnership, but I am happy to work with any groups to improve public confidence in policing and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

#### You've been working on the force for quite a long time. Have the methods and aims of policing changed much since you first walked the beat?

Technology and many of our working practices to deliver policing have dramatically evolved since I first started. In 1981 when I joined, there were no computers at police stations. I do believe, however, that the basic aim of policing in my view has remained the same. We still seek to deliver a high quality service to the community and to reduce crime and disorder.

## YOUR LETTERS

### The nerve of a supermarket giant

Tesco really does have a nerve (Cut-price Tesco offer slammed, Yourscale, January 16).

For a company which makes so much money and which runs so many other established stores out of business through aggressive marketing and cut-prices, to offer the people of this town so little is ridiculous.

I appreciate £183,000 is still a lot of money, but it pales into insignificance compared to the huge amounts they will generate and the damage to stores in the town.

Gary Cotton  
Via email

### We can choose to spend little too

If Tesco insist on paying so little to the town for their massive expansion plans, can we as shoppers in the town not unite against them by simply spending our money in the town centre shops instead?

Edna Smith  
Faversham



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### Demand must call for expansion

Why is there always so much

fuss when supermarkets expand? I appreciate it's not particularly good news for local traders, but perhaps if they charged a sensible price and not inflated ones they would do better.

The likes of Tesco serve a purpose and wouldn't expand if the demand wasn't there.

Am I the only one looking forward to it getting bigger and bigger?

Greg Medley  
Via email

## Music video was a great piece of work

I haven't been on your website, www.yourkenttv.co.uk before, but the eyes on the front of your paper last week intrigued me.

While I'm not too sure about the music, the video itself was a wonderful piece of work – extremely impressive.

Please pass on my congratulations to those responsible.

J McCarthy  
Via email

## Prepare to pay for breaking the law

The new parking regulations you referred to in last week's paper (Major shake-up for parking rules, January 16) will no doubt kick up a stink amongst selfish motorists across the borough.

It was the same with the speed cameras. There are speed limits on the roads which are designed to make them safe for everyone who use them, yet when measures are employed to ensure we respect these limits, and don't

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put lives unnecessarily at risk, everyone throws their hands up in the air and complains.

Well, personally, I think if you park on double yellow lines and get caught by a traffic warden or CCTV camera, it doesn't matter. You're still guilty of breaking the law and therefore you should get punished.

I don't think the lower fine should have been dropped either. If the penalties were sufficiently steep then perhaps people would think twice about parking where they are not allowed, or taking up car parking spaces for longer than they should.

I applaud these measures.

Joan Guthrie  
Teynham

## Spying on drivers is just preposterous

The government's latest parking proposals are preposterous. If they cannot employ sufficient traffic wardens – or civil enforcement officers as they are now called – then too bad.

To start using CCTV cameras to spy on us is just ridiculous and clearly yet another way of raising money from the motorist.

First it was crazy petrol prices, then speed cameras, and now Big Brother style observations should we park in the wrong place for five minutes.

H Turner  
Oare

## Glad the protest has ground to a halt

Thank goodness the protest against

plans to prevent the redevelopment of Kent's St Lawrence Ground have been overturned.

While the club has only enjoyed modest success on the pitch recently, it is clear to everyone the ground needs upgrading if it is to come into line with other more modern venues elsewhere.

Anyone who has visited Hampshire's Rose Bowl or the Oval at Surrey recently will realise just what a huge gulf exists between Kent and its competitors.

If we want to keep Kent in contention as a top side, then it needs a ground suitable of showcasing its talents.

Ernie Holly  
Via email

## St Lawrence could lose what makes it special

I was very disappointed to read Ben Moorhead had decided against battling Kent's plans for their ground 'improvements'.

The St Lawrence's very charm is at stake here and I fear the new-look venue, with hotel and housing will come at the expense of losing all that makes it so special.

Joe Trinder  
Via email

## Is there no better solution to road chaos?

Just when is the fiasco with Operation Stack going to end? Given that I live in Faversham, I found it

remarkable that the road chaos still impacted on my journey.

The M2 was extra heavy and the traffic heading down towards Ashford was a real nuisance.

There must surely come a time when a better scheme can finally be rolled out when there is a problem at Dover which means what seems the entire county doesn't grind to a halt?

Jeff Miller  
Via email

## Asda recognises important work

This year, along with many of my Marie Curie nursing colleagues, I spent the festive period with a patient so that they could be at home with their family.

I am writing to say thank you to Asda for kindly donating 250 gifts – luxury bouquets of flowers and an Olay Complete Moisturiser – to nurses, like me, who gave up time with their own families so that someone with a terminal illness could spend their final Christmas at home.

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# Great Scot, it's time to celebrate

## Tune in to the Gaelic talents of Fred Morrison

CELEBRATE the life of Scotland's favourite son with a fun-packed Burns Night extravaganza.

Scots across the globe take time out to mark poet Robert Burns's presumed birthday, January 25, and the Trinity Theatre is offering a chance to celebrate in true Highland style.

Get the evening going with a whisky mac, glass of wine or soft drink, which is included in the ticket price, before the Royal Scottish Dance Society takes to the stage. Members of the Tunbridge Wells branch will be demonstrating the energetic and visually stunning dancing that makes such great entertainment.

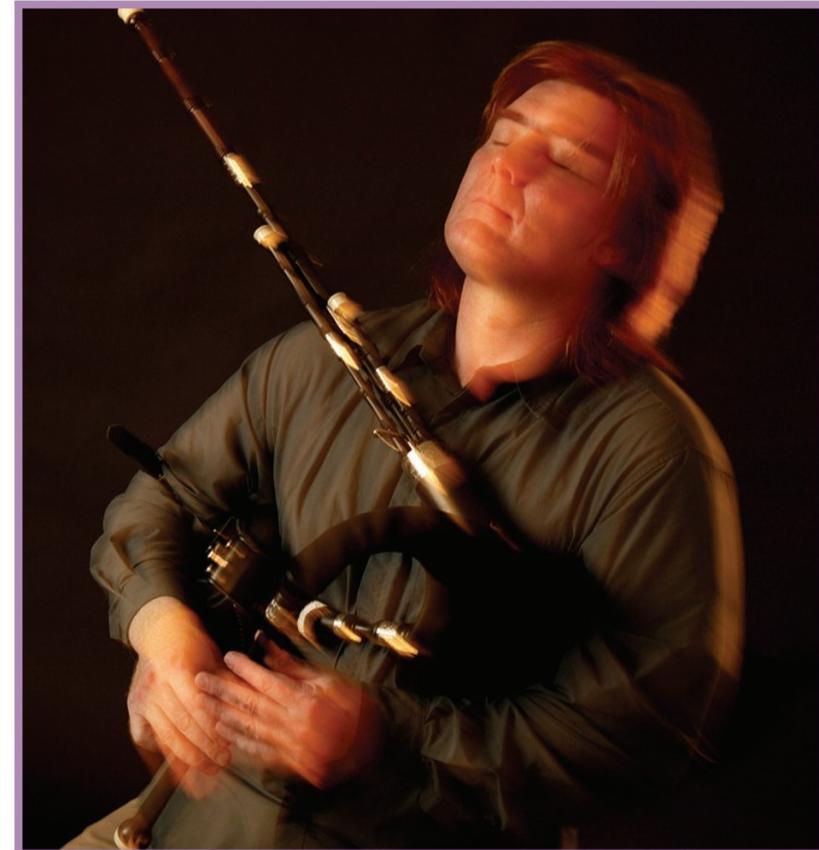
There will be comedy from The Scottish Falsetto Sock Puppet Theatre, a hilarious show of sketches and songs from a double act that made a splash at last year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

A master of the Highland and border pipes will be showing off his extraordinary skills later in the evening. Fred Morrison, who also plays Irish uilleann pipes and low whistle, was named Instrumentalist of the Year at the Scots Trad Music Awards in 2004. His exuberant, improvisational style has earned him an international reputation for excellence, combining Gaelic piping with eclectic influences.

His sound has been described as "the nearest thing to jazz you'll hear in Scottish piping". He is an in-demand soloist, having supported bands like Runrig and Capercaillie, and he is a founder member of Gaelic group Ceolas. He joined Capercaillie for three years, during which time he played on and helped to write music for the film, Rob Roy.

Morrison's most recent activities include helping McCallum Bagpipes to develop a bellows blow pipe, which will carry his name.

These celebrations are held in the name of Scotland's national Bard,



**GAEAL FORCE:** Instrumentalist Fred Morrison will entertain at the Burns Night festivities

Robert Burns. Born in Ayrshire in 1759, Burns was the eldest of seven children. As the son of a poor tenant farmer, he was expected to graft on the land, but his father insisted he should also have a good education.

A tutor was employed to teach Burns and his younger brother, Gilbert. As a result, Burns became well read and he wrote his first poem, My Handsome Nell, at the age of 15. It was mainly about his love of scotch and women, with writing being another way to escape his severe circumstances.

After the publication of his first poetry collection, he became a nation-

**BURNS NIGHT SPECIAL**  
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al celebrity. But fame did not bring fortune and he took a job as an exciseman to pay the bills, while continuing to write.

Burns died of heart disease at the age of 37 and more than 10,000 people attended the burial.

Tickets to the festival cost £20. There will also be Scottish dancing workshops at 11am and noon on Saturday, costing £3 per person.

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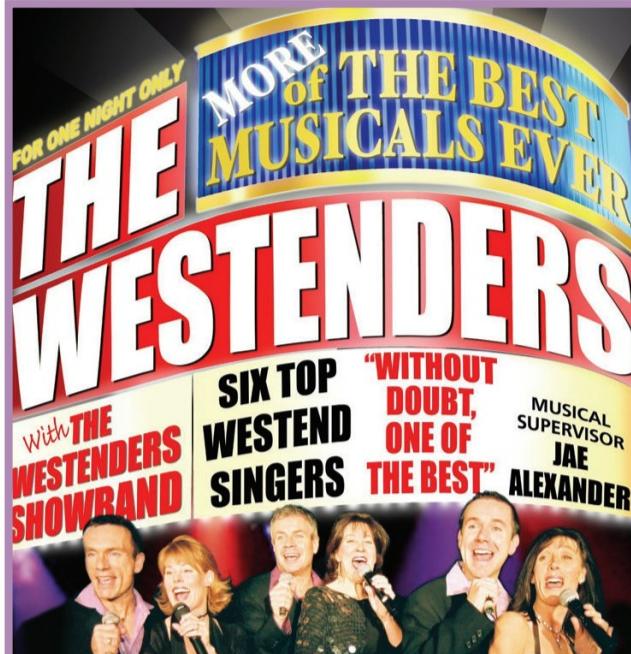
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Portfolio Collection will be performed at 7.45pm and tickets cost £12/£10. To book, call the box office on 01227 769075 or see [www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk).



GLAMOUR pussies will be in heaven at the launch of a sophisticated new show, Cocktails and Cabaret.

The regular weekly event will be kicked off in style on Valentine's Day, with star guests Patti Plinko and Her Boy.

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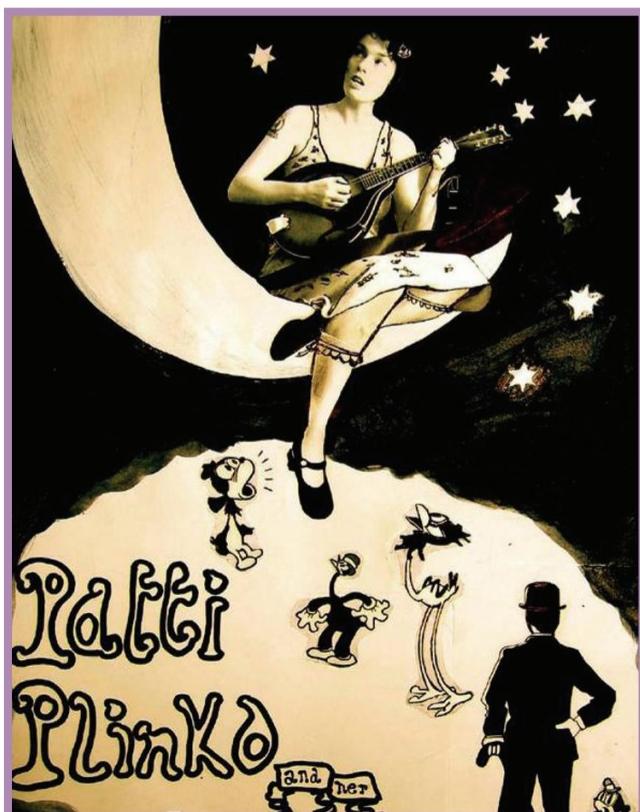
This unique act is heavily influenced by British music hall, old European cinema and the satirical world of Berlin cabaret. Praised by successful acts such as The Puppini Sisters, she will "whisper and woo the audience into a dark, seductive world of art, sex and death".

Future acts include the University Dance Troupe, with a live DJ and Moulin Rouge-style dancing, on Thursday, February 21.

Tickets for the launch night cost £4/£3 and the fun starts at 8pm. Find out more about Patti at [www.myspace.com/pattiplinkoandherboy](http://www.myspace.com/pattiplinkoandherboy). More gig details at [www.orangestreetmusic.com](http://www.orangestreetmusic.com).

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## SWALE LEISURE

### Penny drops for soloist at orchestra's concert

A VAUGHAN Williams anniversary concert is being held in Faversham this weekend.

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### Baroness to appear at special church service

THERE will be a special service at the St Mary of Charity church in Faversham on Sunday.

The Churches Together in Faversham united service will start at 10.30am and will feature guest speaker, Baroness Caroline Cox. Formerly deputy speaker of the House of Lords, Baroness Cox is now CEO of the Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust and will be talking about helping the forgotten peoples.

The service is expected to last for an hour and a half. Find out more about the trust online at [www.hart-uk.org](http://www.hart-uk.org).

### Discover just what is An Inconvenient Truth

LEARN all about An Inconvenient Truth at the Royal Cinema in Faversham on Monday.

Al Gore's Oscar-winning documentary about the environmental catastrophe facing our planet starts at 8pm. It is being screened in connection with Swale Friends of the Earth.

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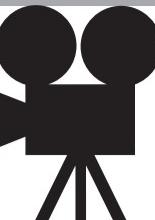
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# This old man's feeling bright

■ BY ROBIN WALKER

TOMMY LEE JONES, like the screen characters he usually plays, is a brusque man of few words with a Texan drawl and old-school politeness. Don't expect him to bare his soul for publicity's sake and you'll get along just fine.

The part-Cherokee Texan of predominantly Welsh-extraction has made a career out of depicting stoic men as weathered as the lines on his face. His two latest roles are a case in point – a grizzled sheriff pining for the old days in Joel and Ethan Coen's *No Country For Old Men* and the anguished father of a casualty of the Iraq War in Paul Haggis's searing *In The Valley Of Elah*.

Both films slice into the dark underbelly of modern America. In *No Country For Old Men*, a psychopath (Javier Bardem) kills at random while drug gangs wage war as things get out of control in Texas.

Meanwhile, in *In The Valley of Elah* deals with a grieving former military police investigator seeking the truth about his son's AWOL death.

Best known for the *Men In Black* special effects blockbusters, Tommy Lee maintains he isn't making any personal political statements about the state of American society with his two latest projects.

"I don't consider my private feelings to be relevant in any way," he says. "I don't have any political statements to make other than what you can see or discern from looking at my work."

Nor should you read any underlying pessimism into the choice of films. "My world view is pretty bright. I enjoyed making those two films," he states.

*No Country For Old Men* is set in the unfor-

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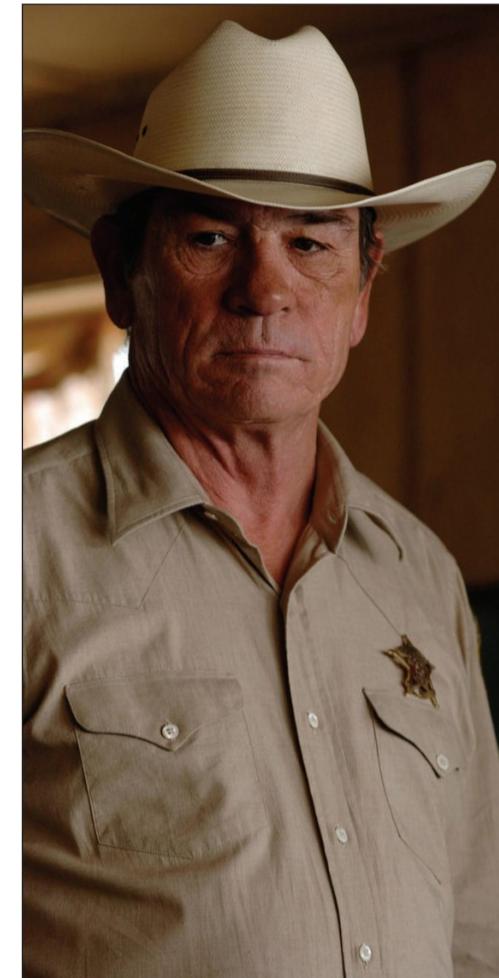
giving Texas borderlands during the 80s, as drug money and armed gangs from Mexico began to tear hard-bitten communities apart at the seams. Tommy Lee's sheriff longs for a quieter time when the bad guys didn't have Uzis.

In *In The Valley of Elah* is a jaundiced look at how President Bush's controversial invasion of Iraq has hurt many American families on a personal level.

The film is based on a real case in 2003 when Iraq war veteran Richard Davis was fatally stabbed. It highlights the violence that can follow servicemen home.

The nearest this tight-lipped star ever got to making a political stand was speaking up for his friend and former Harvard classmate Al Gore in 2000.

He studied English literature there before moving to New York in 1969 and falling into acting. Through stage, television and then



INTEGRITY: Tommy Lee Jones looks for good character

films he has built up a reputation for playing strong characters with deep emotion.

Married three times, and a father of two with second wife Kimberlea, these days he spends much of his time with third wife Dawn on his 3,000 acre ranch near San Antonio, Texas.

He likes to live close to his roots but isn't one of those stars who denigrates Hollywood: "I actually like the movie business and work at it all year round, as well as ranching. One is not an antidote to the other, more a complement to the other."

"You just look for good parts and good stories. Characters with no integrity are just as interesting as characters with lots of integrity."

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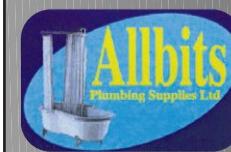
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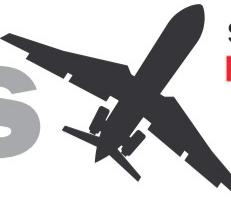
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## Leap into an adventure

■ BY GINNY WARNER

WHIZZING through the treetops 100ft above ground wasn't quite how I'd expected to experience the lush beauty of St Lucia's rainforest.

"Come on, mum," said 16-year-old James, as I stood on the first zip-line platform with my knees knocking. "You can do it."

I stood nervously while the guides clipped my harness on to the twin cables, took up the sitting position as instructed... and stepped off, trying not to think about the huge drop below me.

There was a whoosh of air, a whizz of the zip-line, and I landed on the next platform within seconds, having not taken in any of my surroundings!

Having got one under my belt, I started to get the hang of it and enjoy it a bit more, although I still didn't see an awful lot of wildlife. I suspect most of it had been scared off by all the foreigners hurtling through the trees.

During the 30-minute journey to the Rainforest Canopy Adventure, our driver Neville had stopped to show us breadfruit and starfruit trees, mahogany, nutmeg and cinnamon trees, bamboo – which can grow 12 inches in a day – and of course bananas, the island's second biggest industry after tourism.

I'm relieved to say the second sightseeing trip we organised during our holiday, to the



**STUNNING:** Wherever you look beautiful scenery surrounds you on the Caribbean island of St Lucia

island's former French capital, Soufriere, didn't involve re-enacting a Bushtucker Trial from I'm A Celebrity.

Our driver this time, Edmund, was happy to stop for us to take photos of places of interest en route, including two fishing villages, Laborie and Choiseul, and St Lucia's famous twin mountains, the Pitons, which are a World Heritage Site.

First we went to the Sulphur Springs – the world's only drive-in volcano. Part way in we

joined informative local expert Christina for a close-up look on foot and to 'enjoy' the delicate eggy aroma.

Edmund then took us to the Toraille waterfall for a refreshing dip before driving to the nearby Botanical Gardens and the Diamond Falls.

We ended our trip in Soufriere itself, whose impressive waterfront area was the setting for the film Romancing The Stone. Unfortunately we had to cut our visit short because of a tropical downpour. Well, it was still the rainy season and, after all, that's what makes this island – dubbed La Belle Helene – so green and lush.

In between trips we were happy to relax at our hotel, Coconut Bay Resort & Spa.

My teenagers spent hours in the pool, playing games such as volleyball with their new friends, or splashing about on the waterpark slides and in the 'lazy river'. They also worked their way through the menu of non-alcoholic cocktails at the swim-up bar and sampled the different burgers available from the beachside grill.

I relished the escape of the adults-only pool, where I could soak up the sun and read my book with only the sound of birds singing and the Atlantic waves breaking on the beach as background – rather than the music and happy holiday noises around the family pools.

At the end of the holiday the hotel's proximity to the airport was a bonus as we were able to stay by the pool to grab some final rays until just two hours before our flight home. It was hard to tear ourselves away and we hope to return soon.

### FACT FILE: ST LUCIA

Time difference	UK -4 hours
Currency	East Caribbean \$5.33 to £1
Capital	Castries
Population	161,000
Language	English, French-based patois
Religion	Roman Catholic
Climate	Tropical

### Holiday details

Ginny Warner was a guest of Coconut Bay Resort & Spa in St Lucia. Her stay was arranged by Virgin Holidays, which offers seven nights' all-inclusive at the resort from £899, including Virgin Atlantic flights ex-Gatwick to St Lucia and transfers. Prices per adult based on two adults travelling and sharing a room, for departures in 2008. Child prices for under-12s start from £199. Seven nights in St Lucia, flying from Manchester incl flights and transfers and accommodation on an all inclusive basis start from £999. Prices may be subject to increases in fuel surcharge or Air Passenger Duty. Virgin Holidays reservations: 0871 222 0304 or visit [www.virginholidays.com](http://www.virginholidays.com).

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**SATURDAY: HANNIBAL (10pm):** Anthony Hopkins returns as Hannibal Lecter in a gruesome sequel to Silence of the Lambs. Julianne Moore takes over the role of FBI agent Clarice Starling.

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# Kevin's out in the cold over his grand designs

■ BY GEMMA QUADE

"I'M bloody freezing on a building site in Kent, traipsing through mud," says Kevin McCloud, presenter of Channel 4's Grand Designs, when I ask him where he is during our phone conversation.

Not that he's complaining. The 48-year-old says he loves his job, despite enduring the cold and the damp on location.

When we speak, he is visiting a project that he hopes will be shown towards the end of the new series of Grand Designs which began its new run last week on Channel 4. He says hopes because the build is currently running horribly behind schedule.

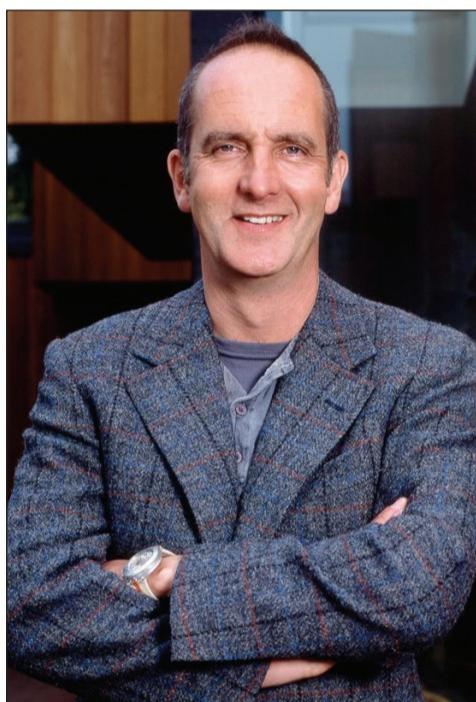
"No doubt we'll be filming the final spools six days before transmission," Kevin groans good-naturedly.

"It's a super-technology house where the building itself collects heat from the sun, stores it underground and air conditions the house. It's a prototype house and it's very exciting technology, plus it's green."

Other treats in store this series include a couple who have to build 60 per cent of their new house underground in order to keep within height restrictions in their Grade 2 listed area, a Gothic-style home in Monmouthshire and a beautiful stone building made of inter-linking decagons.

After 10 years of Grand Designs, Kevin is still excited by the show. To celebrate Channel 4's 25th anniversary last year, viewers were treated to a repeat of his favourite project, Ben Law's self-sufficient woodland home.

But what about the worst? Well, if any of you saw the last series, you will probably remember a pretty hideous houseboat in Kent, and



DEDICATED: Kevin McCloud travels all over the country to view the various projects he works on for the show

you may also recall that Kevin didn't hold back on his criticism of the project.

"It was actually a very good, watchable film, but a terrible piece of architecture," he says now with a grimace.

It's this sort of honesty that viewers enjoy about Grand Designs and Kevin's presenting. But he insists he gets no joy out of being derogatory about a project into which a contributor has put their life and soul, and all their money, and tries to avoid it at all costs.

"We've pretty well always chosen projects

that I like, because what's the point of making a film about something you don't like?" the father-of-four asks.

"It's all right if it takes a week to make the show, but the whole of my life is spent doing these things, and I'm damned if I'm going to find myself getting more and more depressed and negative about the world simply because of my day-to-day work. I want to do something positive and celebratory.

"We did experimentally take on projects I didn't like, to see whether or not that would have any value, and I can categorically say that it was a complete waste of time," he says. "Architecture affects other people, so we should be building good stuff and Grand Designs should be showing good, exemplary buildings," he continues, getting into his stride.

"It's a very negative experience to make programmes that are critical and cynical and that denigrate and it's very difficult when you build relationships with people to then stand in front of them and slag their project off. Ultimately you fall into the same trap that every other programme maker falls into. It's easy to be rude about things."

Kevin leads somewhat of a nomadic life. Projects that he visits can be anywhere from Aberdeen to the South Downs, so much of his life is spent travelling from one to the other. How do he and his family cope with that?

"The filming is inspiring, even in the rain and the wind, the mud and the cold. It's the travelling that's the killer.

"It interrupts my life. Not my family – my family, frankly, come first on the list. It's my social life – I don't have one! I see my kids, but I don't see anybody else, I just end up going to a pub by myself. It's pathetic."

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Tony, 26, slim, muscular body, dark hair, green eyes, seeking any lady for fun, or even friendship/more. Box 435597

### COUNTRY PLEASURES!

Young, adventurous, outgoing man, 32, enjoys outdoors, keeping fit and swimming, country walks, pubs, river walks, and night in, seeking a like-minded,

### THE GOOD LIFE

Honest, tactful, romantic male 42, 5'10", green eyes, varied interests, the gym, wine, dining out, seeks female friend, leading to more. Box 388967

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### LET'S CONNECT

Reliable, thoughtful, professional male, 42, 6'2", dark hair, hazel eyes, GSOH, enjoys music, sports, cinema, meals out, walking, dinner at home, great mind, female for friendship, leading to more. Box 435633

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### UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Good looking male, 42, 6'2", well built, muscular, fit, enjoys cars, motorcycle, golf, rugby, socialising, travel, seeks female for friendship, leading to serious relationship. Box 158489

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### HOPING FOR MORE

55yr old honest, sociable young at heart man, ginger hair, seeking that special lady companion to share great moments with. Box 435633

### CHEER ME UP

Hi, I'm a tall, good-looking, retired, tactile male, 60, GSOH, looking for a fun, intelligent, tactile lady, 45+, to enjoy ourselves. Box 434226

### TRUE ROMANCE

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### WORD FOR WORD

Loving male, 59, 6ft, likes sports, holidays, seeks slim, attractive lady, loyal & caring, for friendship and love. Chatham Box 192892

### HYTHE & SEEK!

Slim, fit male, 63, 5ft10, N/S, blue eyes, own business, home, squirrel etc, many interests, WLTM kind-hearted lady, with GSOH. Box 901915

### STILL GOING STRONG

Loyal, kind-hearted widower, 71, 6ft, good-hearted and humorous man, considered nice looking, brown hair, seeking a caring lady for company. Enjoy good food, music, walks. Box 435596

### BRING ME HAPPINESS

Easygoing guy, genuine, 46, 5'7", slim, hard-working, own home, adventurous, seeks slim, attractive lady, 45+, to enjoy themselves. Box 435597

### Men seeking men

### SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES?

I'm Paul, 40, genuine, down-to-earth, 5'9", GSOH, brown hair, blue eyes, average build, likes movies, DIY, theatre, keeping fit, travelling, looking for young male, non-smoker. Box 432525

### I NEED A HERO

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**PICTURE THIS**

Nice guy, 40, enjoys life, having fun, going out, staying in, loves motorsports, looking for a nice lady, to spend time with/more. Snodland Box 422665

**ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS**

Easygoing male, 40, 6', brown hair/blue eyes, likes pubs, restaurants, animals, laughter. Do you believe there are still some good men out there? Here I am! Box 934739

**MYSTERY MAN SEEKS Cuddles**

I'm John, 43, brown hair, 5ft10, looking for nice, attractive, curvy ladies for friendship, romance, cuddles. Box 435712

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### AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU have a choice between fulfilling selfish desires and working for a charitable cause. Choose the latter, even if it pains you to do so. A visionary like you needs to keep your eyes trained on some far away ideal. It's time to make a decision regarding a close relationship.

- To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

### TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

LENDING money to a friend could lead to disaster. You don't want a petty thing like finance get in the way of a good relationship. A chance to broaden your horizons could put you in the path of romance. Alternately, you could have a chance to hone your artistic skills.

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### LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOUR insistence on having a good time could eat away at a close friendship. Lately, you haven't been there for a woman you've always admired and respected. It's not as though you're indifferent to her needs. Turn your back on selfish desires, even if it wrenches your heart to do so.

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### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

LENDING money to a man who is down on his luck won't solve his problems. This person needs professional help you can't provide. A painful career matter could finally come to an end, giving you more time for domestic pursuits. You'll soon see this disappointment is a blessing.

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### PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

A RELATIVE could be making trouble for you at work. It's probably best to refuse this person's calls and emails, or your progress will be undermined. Friendship could turn to romance with very little encouragement. A glamorous work assignment is yours for the asking.

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### GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

RESIST the urge to push a loved one into going against their conscience or your relationship will be permanently strained. You could find a spacious, sunny place in a neighbourhood you've always wanted to live. Don't worry about finding the money to finance this purchase.

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### VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

THE temptation to lay the law down to a relative may be great. Unfortunately, forcing them to make a decision will reflect badly on you. Back off and let your loved one make up their own mind. Fortunately, a romance will distract you from this frustrating situation.

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### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

STOP giving way to a bossy business or romantic partner or you'll start to resent them. You've always cherished your freedom. An exciting money-making opportunity will come your way. It will involve a great deal of responsibility, but the personal sacrifice will be worth it.

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### LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

IMPOSING your political or religious beliefs on a close friend is a mistake. You need to agree to disagree. Let your differences enhance your friendship, rather than rob it of joy. Spending time at home alone can bring the contentment you seek. When in doubt, turn inward.

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### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

BEWARE of pushing yourself too hard. Treat your body like a temple, at least for this week. Going on a business trip or adding to your skills and qualifications will open new doors for you. If you're given an opportunity to do something new, grab it with both hands.

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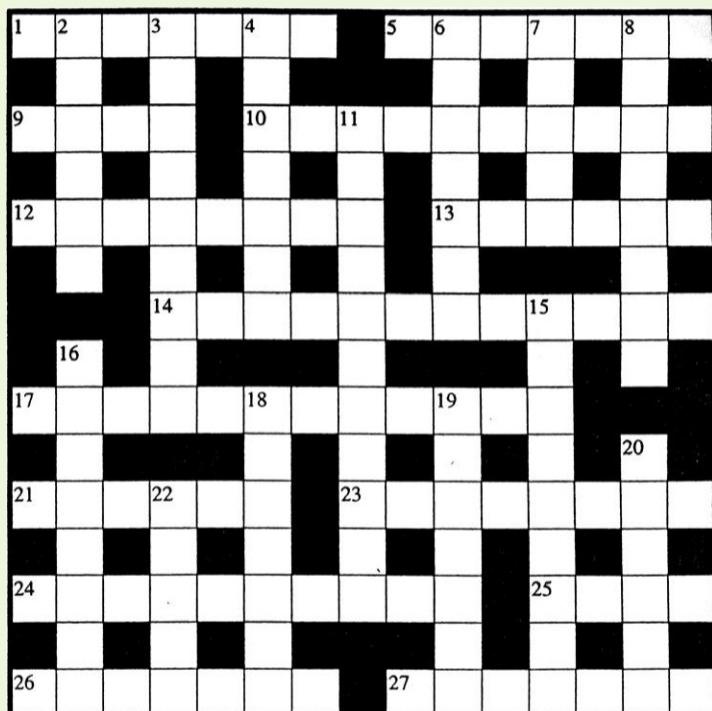
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### CRYPTIC CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 1 Led out behind grating to find hotplate (7)
  - 5 Lack the cause of that fonder feeling (7)
  - 9 Leave out jump over rope (4)
  - 10 Cause someone to be disappointed with song Denis composed first (10)
  - 12 Herb's divine first of all (8)
  - 13 Fix it firmly in some rancho readily (6)
  - 14 What one might expect to earn from the firm (6,6)
  - 17 How one in the driver's seat will control the horsepower (4,3,5)
  - 21 Call in question removal of pop-gun (6)
  - 23 Stuck in an area of hard water (8)
  - 24 Tall serviceman? (4,6)
  - 25 In fog it might be deposited on eastern edge first (4)
  - 26 Lower in rank (7)
  - 27 Little room with Stan performing – he's athletic (7)
- DOWN**
- 2 Stopping without starting and doing some gardening (6)
  - 3 Gloomy journalists in action (9)
  - 4 Wrecker having diluted concoction (7)
  - 6 Benjamin and I accepted girl, one coming from SE Asia (7)
  - 7 It's to do with morals of some of the thickest! (5)
  - 8 Do battle for a starter (8)
  - 11 Saddest rani struggling to make uniform (11)
  - 15 Accelerator removed from Con's motor (9)
  - 16 Include many a broken promise (8)
  - 18 A ton of land (7)
  - 19 Plenty I distributed inappropriately (7)
  - 20 Problem in a rising hostility (6)
  - 22 Gus heroically included the doorkeeper (5)

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### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 1 Slander (7)
- 5 Tummy (7)
- 9 Hebrew prophet (4)
- 10 Habitual lewdness (10)
- 12 Male horse (8)
- 13 Treble (6)
- 14 One of the last four (12)
- 17 Tissue (12)
- 21 12% (6)
- 23 Great skill (8)
- 24 Railway track repainer (10)
- 25 Expression of disgust (4)
- 26 Charm (7)
- 27 Vast (7)

#### DOWN

- 2 Meteor (anag.) (6)
- 3 Revealed (9)
- 4 Bluish-white element (7)
- 6 Somerset town (7)
- 7 Muslim leader (5)
- 8 Negligent (8)
- 11 Heir (11)
- 15 Way of living (9)
- 16 Chime of bells (8)
- 18 Level of command (7)
- 19 Termini (anag.) (7)
- 20 Spring flower (6)
- 22 Half-door (5)

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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### CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS No19

**ACROSS:** 1 Storksbill 7 Erse 9 Clambake 10 Speech 11 Kite-flying 14 Anathema 15 Lahore 16 Bypass 18 Disunite 20 Night-nurse 23 Insect 24 Nonsense 25 Scut 26 Rheumatism.  
**DOWN:** 2 Toll 3 Romp 4 Shackle 5 Inertia 6 Lustful 7 Everything 8 Second-rate 12 Unhygienic 13 Attachment 17 Senator 18 Derange 19 Sternum 21 Vent 22 Isis.

### QUICK SOLUTIONS No20

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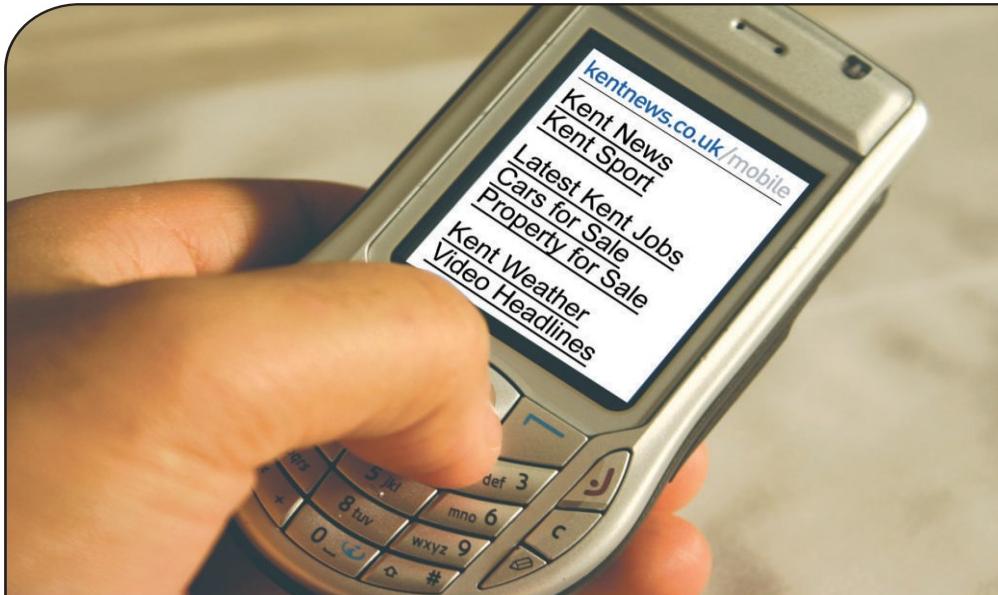
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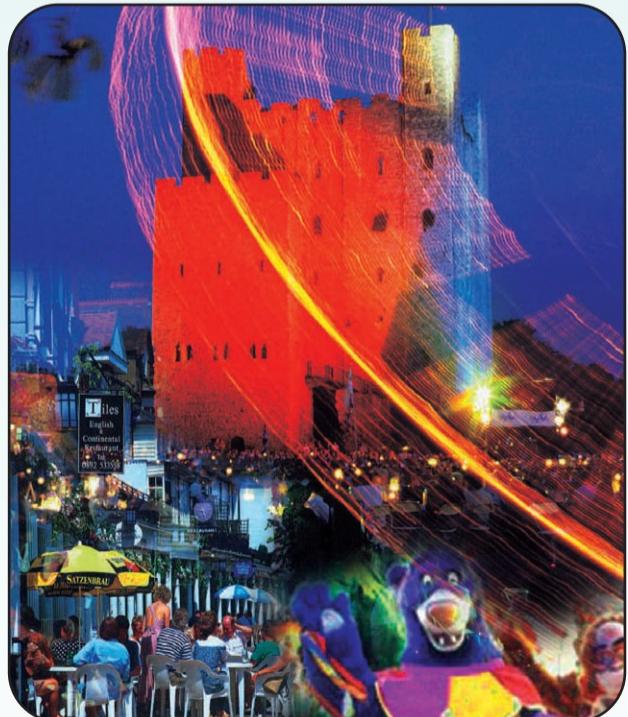
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## Wood works in musical creation

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A longer video will appear on Yourkenttv in the not too distant future, detailing the fascinating and highly-skilled process that turns raw sections of rosewood into an instrument of true beauty.

Alister plays guitar in the Fat River Band, a folk outfit who perform regularly around the county.

This week we also have music from cockney duo Chas 'n Dave, proving they've still got it to a packed house at the Tap 'n Tin in Chatham, when the pair perform their classic hit Gertcha for your listening pleasure.

Or if you prefer something a little heavier you could take a look at Shameful Behavior being, well, shamefully entertaining.

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 **LIVE:** Cockney duo Chas 'n' Dave roll out their classic hit Gertcha at the Tap 'n' Tin, Chatham. Watch the crowd go wild, and observe the unorthodox seating position favoured by Chas.



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 **EMPTY:** Gravesend Rockers 6 Years Lost perform The Sky is Empty live at the Shrimpers Regatta on Gravesend Prom - on a rather wet and windy day. See [www.sixyearslost.co.uk](http://www.sixyearslost.co.uk).



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 **MOVING:** All the way from Freetown, Sierra Leone, the Milton Margai School for the Blind create a breathtaking sound in Canterbury Cathedral as part of the Sing Freetown Tour.



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 **ROCK ON:** Big Hair, black and white make-up and chugging guitar. Yes, it's a rock band all right, namely Shameful Behaviour rocking out at the late lamented Ashford Rocks.

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## BIRTHS

### ADAMS

Tommy-lee Adams born on 8th January 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. Son to Graham and Tasha of Southborough, and a little brother for Jack.

### ALEXANDER

Chloe Louise Alexander born on 29th December 2007, weighing 7lb 14oz. Daughter to Ben Alexander and Louise Homewood in Snodland. Thank you for making us both very happy!

### BELL

Clive and Michelle are proud to announce the birth of their son Billy Connor Gerrard Bell, born on the 31st December 2007.

### CHIBANDA

Emily and Tawanda are delighted to announce the birth of Gabriel Tawanda Brett Chibanda, our wonderful baby boy born on 21 December 2007 at QEQM Margate.

### CLARKE

Phillip and Elizabeth of Aylesham are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Pauline Jeanette, on 2nd January 2007.

### COINON

Emily and Stephane of Gravesend celebrate the birth of their daughter Charlotte Emily born on 5th January 2008. Baby sister to Anais.

### COLLINS

Sarah and Tony are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Grace Eloise Joyce. Grandchild to Bill and Margaret Kipling and the late Patrick and Joyce Collins.

### CRANDLEY

Alfred Charles weighing 9lb 5oz, born on 22nd December 2007 to proud parents Samantha Howland and Richard Crandley.

### DOHERTY

James Cambell. Born on the 30th November 2007. Son of Julie Doherty. Little brother for Criston.

### FORD

Joshua John Ford born on 8th January 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. Son to Colin and Naomi Ford of Eythorne.

### GAMLEN

Michelle and Kevin are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful twin girls Bethany Faye and Katie Elise, born on 2nd January 2008 at QEQM. Sisters to Amy, Zoe and Lauren.

### GORBUTT

Christopher and Karen Gorbutt of Sevenoaks are proud to announce the birth of their son Charlie James Gorbutt, born 6th January 2008, weighing 9lb 3oz.

### GRAY

Diana and Mark of Birchington are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Rihanna Alma Grace, born on Christmas Day 2007. The best present ever.

### GUMBRILL

Lee and Katie of Faversham are very proud to announce the birth of their son, Lee Graham-John, on 5th January 2008. A new baby brother for Ella and Harrison.

### HADLER

Scarlett born on the 1st January 2008, weighing 7lb 2oz. Daughter to Carl and NiKki Hadler in Dover.

### HALL

Cameron Jack Robert Hall born on 7th January 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. Son to Helen and Jay and brother to Alfie and Ashton in Ashford.

### HINTON-BURT

Amanda and Stephen announce the birth of their son Jacob on 8th December 2007 weighing 7lb 4oz.

### HUNSLEY

Ceri Adams and Anthony Hunsley celebrate the birth of their son Ryan James Hunsley on the 30th December 2007.

### KEARNEY

Ellis Micheal born on the 12th December 2007, weighing 6lb 10oz. Son to Natasha and Myles Kearney in Dover.

### KING

Karl and Lisa King of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Charlie Summer King on 25th December 2007.

### MCGREGOR

Niamh McGregor born on 1st January 2008 weighing 5lb 15oz. Daughter to Stuart and Emma in Swanscombe.

### MITCHELL

Mark and Sharon of Tunbridge Wells are delighted to announce the birth of their son Harry James on 19th December 2007 weighing 6lb 14oz.

### MULLIGAN

Isla Kate born on 23rd December 2007, weighing 7lb 6oz. Daughter to Peter and Hayley Mulligan of East Grinstead.

### NEVIANI

Harley Neviani born on the 12th December 2007, weighing 5lb 7oz. Son to Charlene and Steve Neviani in Ashford. He is the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

### REEVE

Stephen and Vanessa of Birchington celebrate the birth of their son Louis Stephen on 2nd January 2008, weighing 8lb 1oz. A welcome brother to Rebecca and Charlotte.

### REEVES

Laura and Jason Reeves of Cranbrook celebrate the birth of their daughter Scarlet Hope on 31st December 2007.

### ROWE

Michelle and Shane of Broadstairs are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Eden Ellen, born on 4th January 2008 at QEQM. Sister to David, Darren, Chelcie and Jack.

### SPICER-HALE

Nick and Anita of Herne Bay are very proud to announce the birth of their son, James Nicholas Spicer-Hale, on 7th December 2007.

### TOMPKINS

James and Sue of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Charley Emma-Anne Tompkins, on 9th December 2007.

### TOSUNLAR

Jane and Fevzi Tosunlar celebrate the birth of their daughter Ruby on the 22nd December 2007.

### TRINDER

Lisa and Mark of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Elliot Mark Trinder on 30th December 2007.

### WHELAN

Helen and Philip of Margate are delighted to announce the birth of their son Luke Francis Barry, born on 15th December 2007 at QEQM.

## DEATHS

### BARCLAY

Michael David of Tonbridge passed away peacefully after a short illness on 15th January 2008. A loving husband, father and Grandfather (Pops) will be sadly missed. Family flowers only. All donations to MND. Enquiries to Boormans Funeral Directors at Tonbridge.

### COCKSEDGE

Tracey Cocksedge of High Halstow passed away peacefully after a long illness on 9th January 2008, aged 39. Funeral service at The Garden of England Crematorium, Bobbing, on 22nd January at 11am.

### CUTTING

Ian Mark passed away suddenly on 31st December 2007 aged 47. A loved one is not gone, until they are forgotten! And to live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever. Greatly missed by his wife Fiona and beloved daughter Niamh.

### DEVALL

May Ethel Devall of Hextable, formerly of Bermondsey, passed away peacefully on 10th January 2008, aged 93. All enquiries to Albins Funeral Directors of Bermondsey.

### LEMAN

Alfred Leman of Ramsgate died peacefully on 4th January 2008. Funeral Service at Thanet Crematorium at 12.00pm on 25th January 2008.

### LOVERING

To live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever. Paul Alan of East Malling passed away on 9th January at the Heart of Kent Hospice. Enquiries to Viners of West Malling 01732 842485.

### FRANKLIN

Carole Ann Franklin of Chart Sutton passed away peacefully on 5th January 2008. Funeral Service at 1.15pm at Vinters Crematorium Maidstone.

### GAMBRELL

Esmie Doreen Gambrell died 16th December 2006. Last known address would have been Tickenhurst Farm Eastry near Sandwich. Contact Martin Watts at Brambledown, Lower Street, Tillmanstone, near Deal CT14 0JD.

### GREEN

Elizabeth May died peacefully on 5th January 2008. Enquiries to Clare Savory Wallside House 12 Mount Ephraim Road Tunbridge Wells 01892 515121.

### PIPE

Mona Agnes Pipe of Benover, Yalding, widow of Cable, died peacefully at home on 8th January 2008, aged 98.

### TOMSETT

Derek Ivor Tomsett of Stockbury passed away peacefully at home on 30th December 2007, aged 82.

### WEBB

The life of Harriet Jessie Webb beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother will be celebrated at St Albans Church, St Albans Road, Dartford at 11am Tuesday 29th January 2008. Flowers will be welcome for the decoration of the Church.

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Greener housing is the way to go

ENERGY efficiency and the impact of the impending Energy Performance Certificates for rented accommodation as required by the EU is a hot topic in the world of property.

Is it worth investing in making improvements now, before this legislation is implemented next autumn?

Tina Nicholls, operations manager of Ashton Burkinshaw letting and property management agent, said: "New regulations already apply to HMOs (Houses in Multiple Occupancy) and we expect that by autumn 2008 all rental properties will need Energy Performance Certificates."

"So, if landlords are refurbishing or doing major works, they should consult their local building regulations officer with a view to making changes now."

Key points to bear in mind are: Cavity wall and loft insulation are cost-effective measures to improve energy efficiency.

If replacing a boiler over 15 years old, you need a high-efficiency condensing boiler, preferably linked to modern heating controls. A combi boiler saves space as well as energy. Finally, replace appliances with ones displaying the Energy Saving Recommended logo.

Ms Nicholls added: "Although energy efficiency is unlikely to be a priority for all tenants, escalating utility bills have raised awareness of running costs and tenants do sometimes ask to see previous heating bills, for example."

### Price conundrum as polls all differ

POLLS concerning an upturn or downturn in the price of houses varied this month, due to the variety of sources they draw information from.

Rightmove and Home.co.uk are both based on asking prices, but their monthly inflation rates show prices moving in opposite directions.

Douglas McWilliams, chief executive of Centre for Economics and Business Research said: "The poll of all the different polls show house prices have now flattened. The economic news confirms the UK economy will, at best, slowdown in 2008 even if it avoids a recession."

"Most economic commentators think house prices will fall in 2008. Evidence suggests 2008 will be the worst year for house prices since 1995 when house prices fell by 1.7 per cent."



AT RISK: Over 100,000 homes are meant to be built in the South East over the next ten years, but the wording of the Housing Bill could threaten the future of such plans

# Could new homes be coming under threat?

■ BY NICK AMES

MORE than 100,000 new homes scheduled to be built in the South East by 2020 are at risk because of poorly worded legislation which could lead to the effective nationalisation of independent housing associations.

The National Housing Federation is warning that the Housing Bill, which is currently going through parliament, would allow ministers to exert so much control over associations that they could be reclassified as public sector bodies – meaning they would no longer be able to lever in billions of pounds of private money to match public subsidy.

During the past two decades, housing associations have been able to raise more than £35bn of private finance to spend on new and

existing homes, in addition to the £30bn that ministers have invested in the sector – making its funding model one of the most successful public-private partnerships of all time.

But the level of state control set out in the bill is so great that the federation believes the Office for National Statistics could reclassify housing associations, which are classed as voluntary and community organisations, as public bodies when it compiles the Government's accounts.

Under the accounting rules, public bodies are not allowed to borrow money privately as this would count against the public debt.

The proposed move could threaten the 104,406 homes set to be built in the region over the next 12 years.

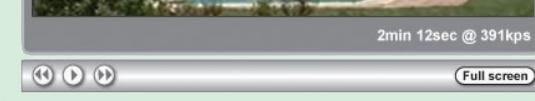
Federation chief executive David Orr said: "We are very supportive of the Government's commitment to tackle the nation's housing crisis, and housing associations are keen to do whatever they can to respond."

"However, we are shocked that the Housing Bill, as it is currently drafted, would create a real danger of associations effectively being nationalised."

"We feel certain that the threat to the independent status of housing associations must be the result of poor drafting and not the intention of the Government."

"Unless ministers amend the bill we are genuinely concerned that housing associations will be reclassified as part of the public sector, and therefore unable to continue with their tried-and-tested financial model – putting a major plank of the Government's housing delivery programme at risk."

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- 2 Receptions. Kitchen/Diner. Double Glazing
- Gas Fired Heating Via Radiators. No Chain

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A charming Grade II Listed detached house with desirable equestrian facilities including grounds of approx. 2.5 acres (unmeasured). This property has been sympathetically extended to provide accommodation including 4 bedrooms, 2 receptions, kitchen/breakfast room, shower room & family bathroom.

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#### ST NICHOLAS AT WADE

An attached 4 bed roomed equestrian property. The spacious accommodation has many features and is well designed & finished. The 4 bedrooms are all of good size, there are stables approx. 3 acres (unmeasured) of pasture land all with separate access of the nearby lane.

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#### NO CHAIN

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A very charming modern 3 bedroom semi detached family home. It comprises sitting room, farmhouse kitchen, utility & a family bathroom. The property is farmhouse style and has many features. It also benefits from a paddock with 2 stables, a tack room and a field shelter. Viewing is highly recommended!

Guide Price - £310,000



#### HAMSTREET

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## MOTORS NEWS



### New Jag cleans up at motoring 'Oscars'

JAGUAR has had a boost ahead of the launch of its spectacular XF replacement for the S-Type – the car arrives in the next few weeks with a What Car? Magazine 'Car of the Year' tag on it.

The new big cat beat 14 other category 'Oscar' winners at the 2008 awards to take the overall title.

What Car? editor, Steve Fowler, said: "The XF has it all – it looks fantastic and has a classy, futuristic interior that gives it a real sense of occasion."

"On top of that, it's great to drive, whatever mood you're in, and is a sound ownership proposition too."



### Skoda loads up an insurance bargain

SKODA'S Fabia Estate spin-off has put down a marker in the supermini load-lugger sector by securing the cheapest insurance rating in the class.

The base model 1.2 (70bhp) version falls into the 2E band – the lowest of any supermini estate – while the highest is just 4E for flagship models.

The new estate is also better looking inside and out and more capacious than its predecessor, complementing a much improved overall Fabia line-up from the VW-owned Czech value brand.



### Why MINI means more

MINI by name and 'mini' by nature it seems, for losing value – BMW's retro star was the UK's slowest depreciating car in 2007, according to Parker's Car Guides.

And the trend seems set to continue, it says, with hassle-free five and eight-year servicing deals, plus impressive fuel-saving technologies fitted on cars from autumn 2007.

The next best 'value miser' according to Parker's was the versatile Honda Jazz supermini holdall, with other front runners being: 3 – Perodua Kelisa, 4 – Citroen C1 and 5 – Perodua Myvi.



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## ROAD TEST

### KIA SPORTAGE

■ BY STEVE LOADER

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

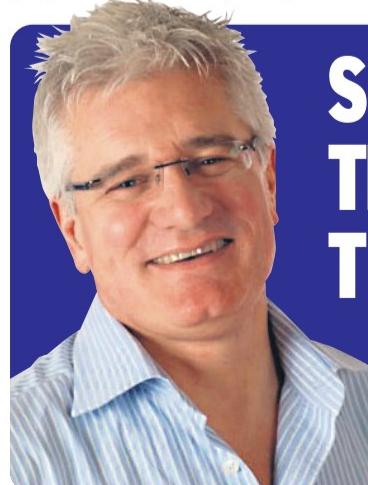
OK, there are subtle visual changes to the Sportage – body-colour bumpers as standard, larger door mirrors, new grille and headlamps and revised and more comfortable European-influenced seating – but I was also impressed with the dynamic improvements.

The Sportage always rode and handled well, but Kia has really tidied things up. Steering and braking efficiency is also better, while cabin refinement is much improved.

Perhaps most surprising though is the new-look Sportage's off-road clout in 4x4 trim. It is no Land Rover Freelander 2, but is priced from nearly 12 grand more than the Sportage and the diesel I tried had the measure of a muddy forest track and a foot deep stream – more than most owners would ever tackle.

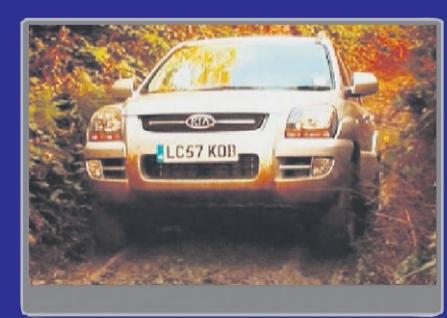
As you would expect from Kia, standard kit is generous and includes air-con, six airbags, alloys and all-round electric windows and mirrors. The new flagship trim, Titan, includes electronic stability control, cruise control, leather seats, privacy glass, heated seats and an electric sunroof, yet starts at just £17,795.

Kia now reckons on a 30 per cent increase in Sportage volumes – I think that's guaranteed.



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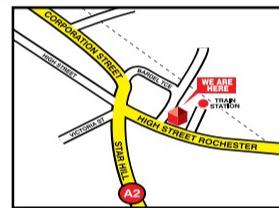
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## USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

### MINI



NOT as compact or full of character as the original perhaps, but the MINI counters with sheer capability and design. Apart from the profile, BMW carried over the centre-mounted switches and speedo, plus customising the roof with a chequered flag or whatever takes your fancy. The handling embellishes the legend yet there is the practicality of the hatchback, the option of a diesel and, for the ultimate style statement, factory-built convertibles. A used Cooper is the best deal.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### SMART FORFOUR



BEING the bargain candidate here should not detract from the smart challenging on the image front. With a distinctive two-tone five-door hatchback body, funky interior and well-sorted chassis, this is a practical yet equally eye-catching alternative to the MINI. The interior doesn't feel as upmarket, but forfour used prices are better since new production was halted prematurely due to poor profitability. Nothing much wrong with the car though – go for the lively, smooth and miserly diesel with manual box.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
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VAUXHALL'S Tigra is the best take on the coupe roadster/budget convertible theme in recent years. You get a well-built stylish car that looks equally good with top down or the secure electrically-powered hard top raised. On the practical front, it is only a two-seater and the retracted roof does rob the boot of some space, but there is still plenty of stowage there and behind the seats. Above all, it's fun to drive – best exploited by the 1.8 Sport version.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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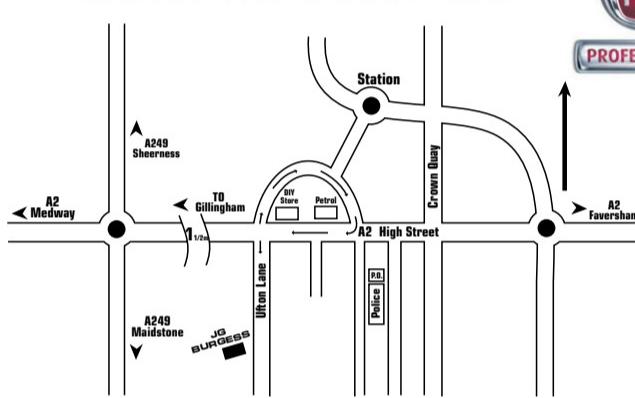
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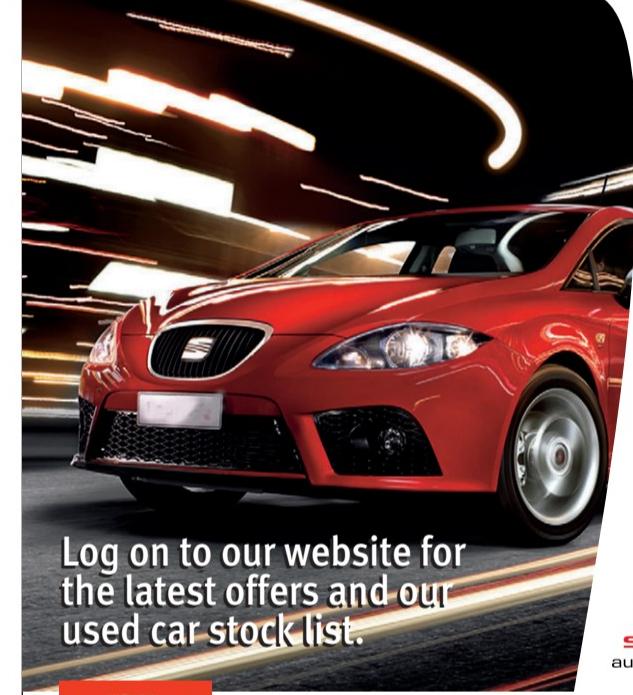


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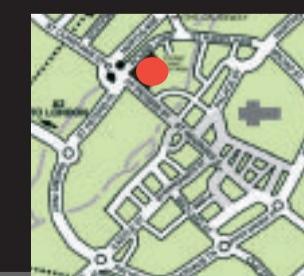
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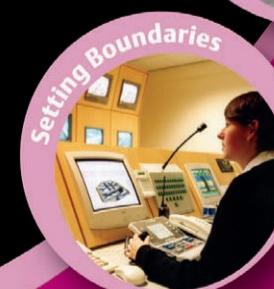
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This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

For an application form and job description for this post only, email [KAESpersonnel@kent.gov.uk](mailto:KAESpersonnel@kent.gov.uk), telephone 0845 606 5 606 or write to KAES Personnel Head Office, Kent Adult Education Centre, College Road, Sittingbourne ME10 1LF. Please quote reference \*CD/07/0292.

Closing date for this post only: midday, 25 January 2008.

## Environmental Crime Enforcement Officers

Starting salary £25,521, with progression through contribution related pay to £29,190 per annum

### Three Year fixed term post to March 2011

### Aylesford/Invicta House, Maidstone

#### Help us stop environmental crime in Kent

These two roles are focused more on wielding the stick than waving the carrot.

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The roles are pivotal to the success of the Clean Kent Partnership and we will expect delivery of targets as part of the team, working with other authorities and agencies. With this in mind, you must have outstanding investigative, organisational, and communication skills with the motivation and commitment required to deliver the Clean Kent Campaign.

Find out more about us at [www.CleanKent.com](http://www.CleanKent.com) Ref: ER/07/0073

Closing date: midday, 31 January 2008. Interview date: 15 February 2008.

## Assistant Clean Kent Co-ordinator

Starting salary £22,268, with progression through contribution related pay to £25,521 pa pro rata

### Part-time 22 hours per week, one year temporary/secondment opportunity

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The Clean Kent Campaign is helping to bring together a cleaner county in which to live, work and visit. We are nearing the end of the current Kent Agreement working with the 12 district and borough councils, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, the Environment Agency, Kent Police, and the Highways Agency, amongst others, to achieve demanding targets to reduce rubbish fires, increase public cleanliness satisfaction and reduce fly-tipping incidences. New targets will be included in the 2008-2011 Kent Agreement to improve on the good work already achieved.

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## Senior Auditor

Starting salary £25,521, with progression through contribution related pay to £29,190 per annum

### One year to cover maternity leave

### Sessions House, Maidstone

In this role, you will undertake audits either in a lead role or supervised by an Audit Manager, and prepare reports on the evaluation and testing of the effectiveness of financial and other control systems in the Authority. You should have relevant internal audit experience and knowledge of audit techniques. Ideally, you should be either studying for, or be CCAB or MIIA qualified.

The job involves carrying out audits across the County, so the ability to travel is essential. Ref: CED/07/0157

## Auditor

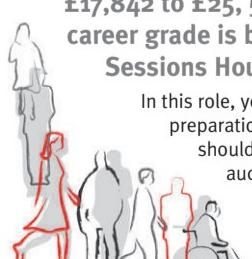
£17,842 to £25,521 per annum salary dependent on experience and progression through the career grade is based on the fulfilment of required competencies

### Sessions House, Maidstone

In this role, you will assist or carry out audits, supervised by an Audit Manager or Senior Auditor, including the preparation of reports on the evaluation and testing of the effectiveness of financial and other control systems. You should have relevant internal audit experience and knowledge of audit techniques. The job involves carrying out audits across the County, so the ability to travel is essential. Ref: CED/07/0158

Closing date for both Auditor posts: midday, 21 January 2008. Interview date: w/c 11 February 2008.

To apply for any of the above posts (apart from the Tutor vacancy), visit [www.kent.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.kent.gov.uk/jobs)  
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[lesley@churchillhouse.co.uk](mailto:lesley@churchillhouse.co.uk).  
 Closing Date 01.02.08

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## CONTRACTS MANAGER (FIXED TERM)

Ref: 00907/K3

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This post is fixed term to 31 August 2009.

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### Co-ordinator Beauty Therapy

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#### Co-ordinator Health & Social Care

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#### Lecturer in Hospitality & Catering

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*Informal enquiries can be made to Dr Paul Dalton, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Dean of Arts & Humanities) on 01227 782965. Ref: FQO2/AH/77*

##### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, WELLBEING AND THE FAMILY

##### Instructor Demonstrator

£22,332 to £24,403 per annum (pro-rata if part time)

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*Informal enquiries to Debra Teasdale, Head of Department of Health, Wellbeing and the Family on 01227 782519.*

##### Programme Administrator

£15,743 to £17,152 per annum

Responsibilities will involve a broad range of administrative and secretarial work to support programmes within the Department, with particular emphasis on the Child Nursing and Midwifery programmes. The role includes supporting the Programme Directors, timetabling, maintenance of student and programme records, production of support materials and arranging meetings.

With a minimum of GCSE A-C English or equivalent and recent experience in office administration/secretarial work, you must be able to demonstrate excellent communication skills and use of word processing, database and spreadsheet skills. The ability to work accurately to deadlines and effectively under pressure is essential. Experience of QLS database management would be advantageous, as would experience in higher education or the health service. Ref: PA1/HWF/77.

##### LEARNING AND TEACHING ENHANCEMENT UNIT (LTEU)

##### Faculty Learning Technologist

£27,466 to £29,139 per annum

Working within the LTEU you will support the use of ICT in learning and teaching through providing advice, consultancy and technical assistance with implementing new developments in learning and teaching.

With significant experience of supporting staff in developing their use of learning technology, you will be competent across a range of computer applications and educational technologies, and demonstrate an imaginative grasp of their application in an educational context. You are likely to have a background in education or training.

Working as part of a team you will need to possess excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work to rigorous standards within demanding deadlines. Ref: FLT3/LT/77.

##### CORPORATE INFORMATION SERVICES

##### SQL Developer

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An experienced SQL Developer working in the newly established Information Systems Development group within Corporate Information Systems, you will be making a significant contribution to the University's Information System Development programme and the development of the University's management information systems.

As a graduate with significant professional analyst/programmer and SQL development experience you will need excellent interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work effectively on your own and as part of the team.

You will also need to demonstrate a proven track record of technical development and excellent technical skills with experience of implementing systems within a designed technical architecture. Ref: SQL/CIS/77.

*For an informal discussion please contact Louise Sibley on 01227 782522.*

*Interview date: 12 February 2008.*

##### DESIGN AND PRINT UNIT

##### Graphic Designer

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We require a highly motivated Graphic Designer with excellent technical and organisational skills. As a creative individual you will be expected to design and produce concepts and finished artwork for a wide range of materials and will act as the guardian of the University's corporate identity.

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#### AUGUSTINE HOUSE REDEVELOPMENT

##### Project Administrator (Fixed term for 18 months)

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#### COMPUTING SERVICES

##### Testing Administrator (Part time)

(Fixed Term until 31 July 2009)

£13,739 to £15,300 per annum pro rata

Working in the Department's computer-based testing lab your duties will include the administration of candidates, invigilating exams in accordance with documented procedures, dealing with any problems and answering enquiries.

You will have good intermediate-level computing experience, patience and an eye for detail; experience in dealing with people of all ages and in sometimes difficult situations is essential, as is reliability and some flexibility as to working hours. A gentle sense of humour and a calm personality are a distinct advantage. The post is for an average of 18 hours a week across the year, up to a maximum of 27 hours a week in October and November; the centre is open afternoons and evenings, midweek. Ref: TA2/CS/77.

#### MEDWAY CAMPUS

##### ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

##### Senior Lecturer in Speech & Language Therapy (0.5fte)

£32,796 to £40,335 per annum pro rata

We are looking for an HPC-registered Speech and Language Therapist to join the enthusiastic SLT team supporting the Post Graduate Diploma in Speech and Language Therapy delivered jointly with University of Greenwich.

You will have expertise in working with adults with communication disorders, and although not essential, you may also have an interest in voice, applied linguistics, adult learning disabilities, or hearing impairment. You will develop this as a key role with existing colleagues from Canterbury Christ Church University and University of Greenwich. You will hold a relevant degree and be interested in extending your professional profile. Ref: SLT1/AHP/77.

*For informal discussion, please contact Professor Kate Springett, Head of Department, on 01227 782935 or kate.springett@canterbury.ac.uk, or Marian McCormick on 01634 894432 or marian.mccormick@canterbury.ac.uk*

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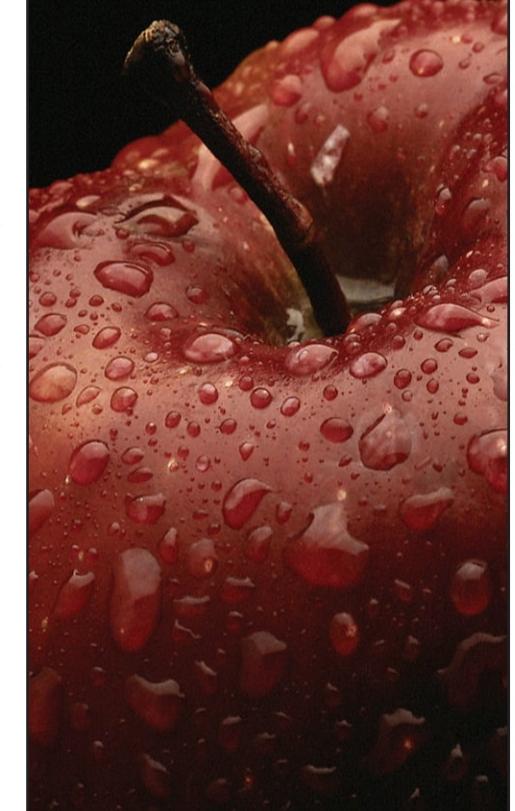
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**To apply/more information**  
Mrs G Hill  
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**To apply/more information**  
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Closing date: 30 January 2008

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## Bereavement Counselling Training Programme Wisdom Hospice Bereavement Service

We are currently recruiting bereavement volunteers to work within the Wisdom Hospice Bereavement Service. To support this we are offering a training programme. Part 1 will provide participants with a comprehensive introduction to bereavement theory and practise, for four consecutive Wednesdays commencing 2 April 2008 from 1.00 - 6.00pm.

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On completion you may be eligible to become a volunteer bereavement counsellor within this Service. Group supervision and regular training sessions are offered. You would be required to commit to a minimum of 6 hours a week.

Acceptance onto the Bereavement Training Programme will be by application form and interview. We would preferably like to hear from people with some experience of counselling and from those who are not actively grieving.

**Application forms can be obtained from Lesley Trott (between 9.00am and 1.30pm) on 01634 830456, or email: lesley.trott@medwaypct.nhs.uk**

**For an informal discussion please call Cate Masheder or Ann McMurray on the above telephone number, Wisdom Hospice, High Bank, Rochester ME1 2NU.**

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**Lecturer in Construction Management** T1307  
 Variable • Folkestone

**Lecturer in Electrical** T1308  
 Variable • Ashford

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#### APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made by Mrs Ann Huggins of Chodean, Sexburga Drive, Minster on Sea, Sheerness to Kent County Council, to grant an approval for a ceremony at this premise. The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the following address. Martin Alford Head of Registration, Regulatory Services First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX

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Name of Premises: Swarling Manor, Petham, Canterbury  
 Applicant: Dr Christopher Lamb

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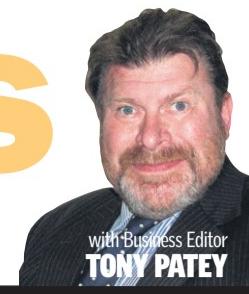
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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Supply routes under strain by extra traffic

THE Freight Transport Association says latest Government figures showing an increase in traffic confirms its research forecasting unacceptable congestion on the UK's primary trade routes.

The FTA, based in Tunbridge Wells, says the Government must take urgent steps to provide more capacity by widening motorways and building new roads, because failure to do so will place massive burdens on the UK supply chain.

FTA's director of external affairs Geoff Dossett said: "Our concern is that growth in car traffic on key trade routes will severely inhibit supply chain efficiency, increasing costs and reducing service levels."

### Rules are taxing assets

NEW tax rules likely to be introduced in April may leave Kent business owners short changed if they want to sell assets or shares, according to local company commercial lawyer Susan Jennings.

She says: "At the moment, the sale of shares can attract capital gains tax at ten per cent if held long enough, but this is set to rise to 18 per cent from April."

Business owners can call Susan Jennings on 01634 887334 or email [saj@furleypage.co.uk](mailto:saj@furleypage.co.uk).

# Why bosses are driven to be liable

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A RADICAL new act which holds businesses liable for crashes caused by its drivers will be introduced later this year.

The Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act will hold companies responsible if their employees are involved in a fatal car crash – leaving them open to prosecution.

Under the new legislation any organisation will be guilty of corporate manslaughter if serious failures in their management of health and safety procedures can be directly linked to the accident.

Breaches will be punished with a limitless fine, with the fee depending on the level of the negligence.

A seminar discussing the full implications of the act, which comes into force on Sunday, April 6, and covers all areas of health and safety, was held at the Kent Police Lecture Theatre in Maidstone last week.

More than 100 company bosses attended, hearing from experts in the field on how they can take the necessary steps to ensure their businesses do not fall foul of the new legislation.

Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership communication manager Rachel Wall said: "One in three crashes on the road involves a vehicle being used for business purposes.

"The new act means companies really

need to get their house in order and make sure employees are driving responsibly on our roads.

"It is not enough to just have a health and safety policy to tick a box. Organisations must now be able to prove these policies are being monitored on a daily basis and if they are not they may find themselves in court."

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**NO ACCIDENT:** Companies need to take responsibility for the driving of their employees or they could find themselves guilty of corporate manslaughter under the new act



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# Win fuels Norton's Kent League berth dreams



COUNTER ATTACK: Norton striker Darren Slatter scored a breakaway goal

## Bourne face an uphill struggle

SITTINGBOURNE'S hopes to gain promotion from rugby's Kent One suffered a blow at the weekend as they went down 27-5 to Old Olavians.

The defeat puts a clear gap between Bourne in fourth and Old Olavians in third and it is now an uphill struggle for Sittingbourne in their quest to be promoted to London and South East Four. They are four points behind Old Olavians in the division and now eight behind league leaders Old Gravesendians.

Sittingbourne will have to pick up maximum points in their next clash on Saturday away to Askeans, who sit second from bottom in the league.

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Gills manager Mark Stimson talks about his top three transfer targets

## Your chance to be like Tiger

AMATEUR golfers will have a chance of testing their swing on this year's Open Championship course after the launch of the People's Open Golf Tournament.

The final of the People's Open Golf Tournament – which will be an annual event for amateur club golfers based on the same format faced by the sport's top stars – will take place a month after the Open Championship at Royal Birkdale, following a series of regional and final qualifying tournaments around the UK in May and June.

One of the tournament's qualifying events will take place at Tudor Park Golf Club in Maidstone on May 28. The tournament is open to all amateur golfers who will be over the age of 18 by May 1.

The top scorers from all the regional qualifying rounds will progress to a final week of qualifying at courses around the Southport area.

Entry is £75 per player. For more details see [www.pogt.co.uk](http://www.pogt.co.uk).

LEAGUE leaders Norton had to wait until the final quarter of an hour before confirming their victory against Snodland on Saturday.

Norton had the majority of the play during the first half but a combination of good defending and poor finishing kept the scoreline blank. However, British Energy Premier Division leaders Norton, opened the scoring on 35 minutes through Tommy Price.

Norton relaxed too much and within two minutes were caught out by a long ball which allowed a Snodland forward to equalise.

Norton continued to dominate in the second half and finally took the lead on 78 minutes when player/

### FOOTBALL

#### Norton Sports 4 Snodland 1

manager Ben Taylor headed a free-kick into the path of Jack Goodger who stabbed the ball home. The home side continued to press and scored two breakaway goals through Darren Slatter and Tony Clark.

The win extends Norton's lead at the top to 12 points and it should only be a matter of time before the side is confirmed as champions.

The club has this week applied to join the Kent League next season, if promoted, and are awaiting news as to what upgrades they need to do to

the Norton Sports Ground to meet requirements.

Colin Page, Norton chairman, said: "We have said all season that we will do everything we can to give these boys a chance of going up. They are all Swale boys and there is enough talent between them to hold their own in the Kent League."

"We have made an application to say we would like to join if we are promoted, and we are now in the process of finding out what we need to do. The biggest problem is flood-lights, which is a long term plan and investment that we haven't got at the moment. We will have to find out what we can do as we want to give the squad an opportunity to go up."

# Abbott: Flattered but I'm not going anywhere

### FOOTBALL

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

#### Eastbourne 2 Sittingbourne 1

SITTINGBOURNE'S promotion hopes suffered a blow at the weekend as their six-match unbeaten run came to an end on Saturday against lowly Eastbourne.

A goal in stoppage time from Gary Brocknell prevented the Brickies from picking up any points after they had taken a first half lead through Steve Hafner.

The midfielder, on his return to the team, hit a 25-yard effort in the 24th minute to give his side the lead.

The home side were back level in the 64th minute when Liam Baitup leapt above the Sittingbourne defence to head home.

The defeat sees the Brickies drop to eighth in Ryman Division One South, three points off the play-offs.

Meanwhile, Gary Abbott has admitted he is "flattered" to be linked with the vacant manager's job at Welling United.

There have been rumours on club websites that the former Wings player was interested in the job, but despite ambitions of managing the club in the future, he told YoursWale he is delighted with his role at Bourne Park and is looking forward to leading his side to the play-offs.

He said: "I was at Welling as a player for 12 years in four spells and I always said I want to manage the club one day."

#### Happy

"But, I am just eight weeks into my time at Sittingbourne and am really enjoying it and I am really happy with the way it is all going."

The Brickies boss has moved to sign AFC Wimbledon striker Stephen Goddard and former Ebbsfleet United midfielder Patrick Gladley, while Ian Varley could make a return to Bourne Park, although Abbott believes he could be another who joins Steve Lovell at Ashford Town.

He said: "Patrick will bring experience, which is something I have been trying to get us, I am getting there although I think we are still a couple more players away."

"Patrick will only be with us for ten weeks as he is going travelling, but we will make the



GOING NOWHERE: Sittingbourne's Gary Abbott has denied he will be taking over the manager's post at Welling United

most of him while he is here. As for Ian Varley, I do not know him really but I have agreed for him to come down to us because I have heard he is a good player. He is going to come to training but I have heard Ashford might be interested in him."

With the loss of Kieran Marsh and Anthony

Hogg from his squad, Abbott has moved quickly to bolster his midfield with the signing of 17-year-old Tarik Ozresberoglu who is a six-foot midfielder from Dartford College.

The Brickies are next in action at Bourne Park on Saturday against high-flying Kingstonian.



TURNING IT ROUND: The management duo of Justin Luchford (left) and Jimmy Strouts (right) have been able to pick a settled squad which has helped them win back-to-back games

# Town duo delighted with first win at Lane

IT was a day for records at Salters Lane on Saturday as the Lilywhites won back-to-back games for the first time since 2006 and the victory was the first at home for more than a year.

Second half goals from Shane Hamshare and defender Dan Whelan gave Town their first league win at the Lane and follows last weekend's 2-1 victory at Lordswood.

It has been a good start to the year for Town who have now moved off the bottom of the Kent Premier League and up to 14th in the division.

## FOOTBALL

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

### Faversham Town 2 Holmesdale 0

The wins have turned around the Lilywhites' season and much of it has been down to the management duo of Justin Luchford and Jimmy Strouts, who have been able to name a more settled side since the turn of the year.

A delighted Luchford told Yoursrale: "We are obviously pleased although it is what we expected of the players. We had earmarked the

games against Lordswood, Holmesdale and Slade Green as those we can get points from, and so far it is six points from six. We started slowly and were not at the races in the first 20 minutes, but we came back into it after that and never looked like conceding a goal."

Luchford hopes to sign two more players to add to his squad, but feels his team are now coming together and so new players will only join if they can add something to his side.

Town named under-18 player Chris Richardson on the bench on Saturday and Luchford said he is one to watch at Salters Lane: "Chris came off the bench for the last five minutes, but he is going to be one for the future."

# Court win secures a place in the final

Picture: JAE DONNELLY



THRILLING: Gore Court overcame Ashford in a close semi-final

GORE Court bounced back from defeat on Saturday to claim a place in the final of the Kent Cup in the club's centenary season.

Court narrowly lost 4-3 to Winchester on Saturday, which dented their promotion hopes, but they put that behind them on Sunday with a good performance in the semi-final of the cup.

The Sittingbourne side were short of four first team regulars due to injury and availability, but started the game strongly. Court dominated possession and created a number of chances, but it was not until half-time that they took the lead through Nick Wilcher, after a fantastic run in front of the large home crowd. Court had several great chances to extend their lead, but a combination of poor finishing and a couple of outstanding saves by the Ashford defence and goalkeeper meant the game was in the balance at the interval.

Ashford started brightly in the second period and Court were caught out by a quick piece of thinking as their right mid-

## HOCKEY

### Gore Court 3 Ashford 2

field ran through and created a simple tap-in for the centre forward. Both sides were fighting hard for the win, but Court's tactical awareness saw them dominate possession and continue to create chances. Court finally made the pressure count when Rod Lewis latched on to the ball down the right and crossed for Adam Hart to score.

Hart then produced a fine individual goal five minutes later to give Court a two goal cushion with only ten minutes remaining.

To their credit, Ashford continued to fight and scored a good breakaway goal which made the last five minutes nervous. Court held on to secure a place in the final which takes place on Sunday, May 18, some seven weeks after the end of the league season.

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## SPORT IN BRIEF

### Islanders lose out due to waterlogged pitch

AFC Sheppey missed out on an opportunity to close the gap at the top of British Energy Division One East, after their game was called off due to a waterlogged pitch.

The islanders were due to play New Romney at the Medway Ports Ground, but the heavy rain last week put paid to any chance of the game being played.

Jamie Allen's side will be back in action on Saturday away to second-placed Guru Nanak. A win for Sheppey could see them leapfrog their opponents into second place.

### East's promotion hopes in tatters after defeat

SHEERNESS East were thumped 7-0 by high-flying Orpington in a disappointing display on Saturday.

The thrashing ends any hopes the East had of promotion this season as they sit sixth in the British Energy Premier Division and a long way off the pace.

Dave Down's side will hope to put the heavy defeat behind them as they take on Cray Valley, who are second from bottom, at Sheerness East on Saturday. Kick-off is at 2pm.

### Ladies have to settle for Brentwood draw

GORE Court ladies 1st XI were involved in a stalemate at the weekend as they drew 0-0 with Brentwood.

It was Court's first draw of the season and leaves them still in mid-table in the East Women's League Division Two.

In a tight division, Court are only seven points off league leaders Gillingham Anchors.

They will be looking for a win in their next match away to the leaders in an attempt to progress in the division.

### Bar One win puts them through to semi-final

BAR One reserves booked a place in the semi-finals of the Junior Charity Cup with a resounding 5-2 victory over FC Nore.

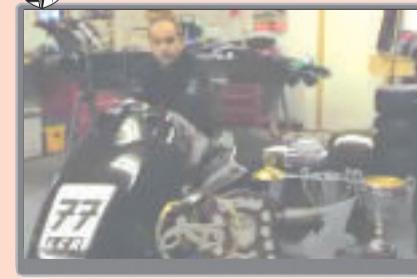
Braces from Jacob Mead and Marcus Lind, as well as a goal from John Spratt helped Bar One to victory. FC Nore replied through Jamie McKinnell and Duane Gibbons.

Import booked their place in the third round of the Senior Cup after a 5-3 win over Real Murston and Ypres Tavern thrashed Grove Park 6-0.

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